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COMMITTEE REPORT NO.	514	9	MAY	28	\mathbf{p}_{1}	:43
Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on	MAY	28	2009		4	.
R e : House Bill No. 5258		-Wi	νγ	-7	M	<i>c</i> +
Recommending its approval without amendment.				l		
Sponsors : Senators Aquino III, Gordon and Zubiri.						

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Local Government, to which was referred House Bill No. 5258, introduced by Representative Barzaga, entitled:

"AN ACT

CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARIÑAS IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS"

has considered the same and has the honor to report this House bill back to the Senate with

the recommendation that it be approved without amendment.

Respectfully submitted:

BENIGNY S. AQUINO III Chairman

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Hon. JUAN PONCE ENRILE President Senate of the Philippines Pasay City CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES FOURTEENTH CONGRESS Second Regular Session

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5258

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARZAGA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1348

AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARIÑAS IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF DASMARIÑAS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1	· ARTICLE I
2	GENERAL PROVISIONS
3	SECTION 1. Title This Act shall be known as the "Charter of the City
4	of Dasmariñas".
5	SEC. 2. The City of Dasmariñas The Municipality of Dasmariñas in
6	the Province of Cavite is hereby converted into a component city to be known
7	as the City of Dasmariñas, hereinafter referred to as the City, which shall
8	comprise of the present territory of the Municipality of Dasmariñas. The
9	territorial jurisdiction of the City shall be within the present metes and bounds
10	of the Municipality of Dasmariñas, as follows:
11	Bounded on the North, along line 1-19 by the Municipality of Imus;
12	Bounded on the East, along line 19-35 by the Municipality of San
13	Pedro, Laguna; along line 35-166 by the Embarcadero River (adjacent to
14	Municipality of Carmona);
15	Bounded on the South, along line 166-188 by the Municipality of
16	Silang, Cavite;

1	Bounded on	the West, along line 188-32	0 by the Ylang-Ylang River			
2	(adjacent to Munici	(adjacent to Municipality of General Trias);				
3	Bounded on	the North, along line 320 to th	e point of beginning.			
4	Beginning from:					
5	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE			
6	1-2	S. 85° 58' E.	59.00 m.			
7	2-3	S. 84° 51' E.	133.50 m.			
8	3-4	S. 78° 35' E.	36.94 m.			
9	4- 5	S. 70° 18' E.	578.90 m.			
10	5-6	N. 78° 25' E.	142.50 m.			
11	6- 7	S. 07° 39' E.	48.13 m.			
12	7-8	N. 79° 06' E.	219.46 m.			
13	8-9	S. 70° 11' E.	125.64 m.			
14	9-10	N. 56° 57' E.	42.07 m.			
15	10-11	N. 42° 21' W.	106.20 m.			
16	11-12	N. 15° 41' W.	58.08 m.			
17	12-13	N. 26° 14' W.	67.89 m.			
18	13-14	N. 00° 05' E.	71.26 m.			
19	14-15	N. 60° 12' W.	27.16 m.			
20	15-16	N. 66° 39' E.	20.78 m.			
21	16-17	S. 58° 40' E.	21.90 m.			
22	17-18	N. 50° 39' E.	18.08 m.			
23	18-19	N. 89° 50' E.	6,171.45 m.			
24	19-20	S. 12° 07' E.	401.86 m.			
25	20-21	S. 01° 49' E.	468.14 m.			
26	21-22	S. 26° 14' W.	510.95 m.			
27	22-23	S. 58° 23' E.	190.36 m.			
28	23-24	S. 57° 56' E.	145.39 m.			

1	24-25	S. 59° 33' E.	197.68 m.
2	25-26	S. 60° 49' E.	305.50 m.
3	26-27	S. 27° 43' W.	497.13 m.
4	27-28	S. 07° 20' W.	487.78 m.
5	28-29	S. 21° 16° W.	385.00 m.
6	29-30	S. 23° 33' W.	315.36 m.
7	30-31	S. 10° 50' E.	435.67 m.
8	31-32	S. 18° 40' W.	295.64 m.
9	32-33	S. 59° 31' E.	118.48 m.
10	33-34	S. 59° 42' E.	140.36 m.
11	34-35	S. 33° 04' E.	381.96 m.
12	35-36	S. 61° 28' E.	45.89 m.
13	36-37	S. 20° 21' E.	57.70 m.
14	37-38	S. 55° 29' W.	114.00 m.
15	38-39	S. 22° 25' W.	160.60 m.
16	39-40	S. 47° 35' W.	144.90 m.
17	40-41	S. 20° 29' W.	123.40 m.
18	41-42	S. 32° 41' W.	35.00 m.
19	42-43	S. 67° 10' W.	84.60 m.
20	43-44	S. 03° 06' E.	103.60 m.
21	44-45	S. 47° 43' W.	90.99 m.
22	45-46	S. 21° 07' W.	66.20 m.
23	46-47	S. 77° 38' W.	117.40 m.
24	47-48	S. 00° 16' E.	73.20 m.
25	48-49	S. 03° 21' E.	. 99.70 m.
26	49-50	S. 48° 20' W.	83.40 m.
27	50-51	S. 84° 31' W.	99.20 m.
28	51-52	S. 23° 09' W.	78.20 m.

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1	52-53	S. 60° 49' W.	92.60 m.
2	53-54	S. 49° 07' W.	32.10 m.
3	54-55	S. 01° 36' W.	104.50 m.
4	55~56	S. 14° 34' W.	107.41 m.
5	56-57	S. 27° 33' E.	53.50 m.
6	57-58	S. 09° 15' W.	92.50 m.
7	58-59	S. 58° 44' W.	37.10 m.
8	59-60	S. 02° 29' E.	127.80 m.
9	60-61	S. 25° 58' W.	22.90 m.
10	61-62	S. 69° 40' W.	56.60 m.
11	62-63	N. 79° 35' W.	⁻ 157.40 m.
12	63-64	S. 28° 23' W.	38.70 m.
13	64-65	S. 10° 30' E.	73.40 m.
14	65-66	S. 38° 25' W.	125.50 m.
15	66-67	S. 60° 14' E.	79.80 m.
16	67-68	S. 38° 01' W.	68.60 m.
17	68-69	S. 23° 52' E.	81.10 m.
18	69-70	S. 31° 44' W.	65.30 m.
19	70-71	S. 25° 29' E.	48.00 m.
20	71-72	S. 29° 09' W.	43.90 m.
21	72-73	S. 16° 50' W.	89.60 m.
22	73-74	S. 30° 43' W.	52.50 m.
23	74-75	S. 06° 22' E.	95.70 m.
24	75-76	S. 47° 28' E.	55.10 m.
25	76-77	S. 07° 27' E.	77.00 m.
26	77-78	S. 64° 36' W.	61.60 m.
27	78-79	N. 80° 28' W.	18.30 m.
28	79-80	S. 62° 46' W.	75.20 m.

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)	80-81	S. 21° 23` E.	48.90 m.
2	81-82	S. 68° 19' E.	54.80 m.
3	82-83	S. 08° 55° E.	46.30 m.
4	83-84	S. 06° 00' E.	. 121.30 m.
5	84-85	S. 27° 25' W.	63.10 m.
6	85-86	S. 41° 12' W.	78.70 m.
7	86-87	S. 14° 46' E.	35.90 m.
8	87-88	S. 05° 42' E.	51.59 m.
9	88-89	S. 28° 24' W.	89.69 m.
10	89-90	S. 74° 03' E.	88.10 m.
11	90-91	S. 05° 39' E.	18.00 m.
12	91-92	S. 18° 55' W.	85.10 m.
13	92-93	S. 45° 23' E.	149.20 m.
14	93-94	S. 34° 07` W.	119.80 m.
15	94-95	N. 61° 39' W.	66.60 m.
16	95-96	S. 86° 44' W.	92.10 m.
17	96-97	S. 15° 03' W.	76.50 m.
18	97-98	S. 15° 52' W.	52.10 m.
19	98-99	S. 28° 05' W.	48.30 m.
20	99-100	S. 88° 33' W.	78.30 m.
21	100-101	S. 31° 18' W.	44.30 m.
22	101-102	S. 50° 35' E.	33.70 m.
23	102-103	S. 11° 01' W.	53.10 m.
24	103-104	S. 10° 05' E.	43.60 m.
25	104-105	S. 79° 54' W.	100.50 m.
26	105-106	S. 47° 36' E.	64.60 m.
27	106-107	S. 29° 12' W.	90.70 m.
28	107-108	S. 08° 20' E.	62.00 m.

ł	108-109	N. 89° 14° W.	41.70 m.
2	109-110	S. 29° 18' W.	37.60 m.
3	110-111	S. 47° 23' W.	115.60 m.
4	111-112	N. 35° 04° W.	91.50 m.
5	112-113	S. 39° 06' W.	104.80 m.
6	113-114	S. 11° 44' E.	68.20 m.
7	114-115	S. 66° 55' W.	42.30 m.
8	115-116	S. 52° 39' W.	78.00 m.
9	116-117	S. 07° 43' E.	62.70 m.
10	117-118	N. 72° 12' E.	50.80 m.
11	118-119	S. 37° 55° E.	23.81 m.
12	119-120	8. 57° 07' W.	74.30 m.
13	120-121	S. 10° 14° W.	53.70 m.
14	121-122	S. 00° 13' E.	65.80 m.
15	122-123	S. 78° 15' W.	84.20 m.
16	123-124	S. 12° 57' W.	53.20 m.
17	124-125	S. 76° 05' W.	27.20 m.
18	125-126	S. 36° 18' W.	53.20 m.
19	126-127	S. 43° 53' E.	53.40 m.
20	127-128	S. 00° 48' W.	43.40 m.
21	128-129	N. 82° 43' W.	76.70 m.
22	129-130	S. 29° 49' E.	75.60 m.
23	130-131	S. 76° 20' W.	54.10 m.
24	131-132	S. 15° 56' W.	150.90 m.
25	132-133	S. 04° 29' E.	44.30 m.
26	133-134	N. 72° 57' E.	42.80 m.
27	134-135	S. 44° 48' E.	32.60 m.
28	135-136	S. 08° 47' E.	152.10 m.

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1	136-137	S. 61° 18' W.	67.10 m.
2	137-138	S. 04° 40' E.	42.70 m.
3	138-139	S. 68° 12' E.	64.80 m.
4	139-140	S. 13° 56' E.	133.39 m.
5	140-141	S. 07° 19' W.	147.20 m.
6	141-142	S. 33° 14' E.	· 69.00 m.
7	142-143	S. 17° 33' E.	135.60 m.
, 8	143-144	S. 74° 51' E.	121.70 m.
9	144-145	S. 18° 05' E	84.60 m.
10	145-146	S. 59° 45' E.	54.00 m.
11	146-147	S. 19° 29' E.	71.00 m.
12	147-148	S. 41° 09' W.	70.10 m.
13	148-149	S. 33° 31' W.	97.10 m.
14	149-150	S. 50° 00' E.	63.40 m.
15	150-151	S. 34° 57' W.	64.70 m.
16	151-152	S. 27° 59' E.	56.50 m.
17	152-153	S. 02° 09' W.	44.70 m.
18	153-154	S. 75° 37' E.	73.10 m.
19	154-155	S. 50° 20' E.	23,50 m.
20	155-156	S. 40° 04' E.	59.40 m.
21	156-157	S. 16° 28' E.	118.50 m.
22	157-158	S. 25° 58' W.	55.10 m.
23	158-159	N. 54° 24' W.	52.50 m.
24	159-160	S. 78° 38' W.	34.10 m.
25	160-161	S. 46° 56' W.	112.00 m.
26	161-162	S. 11° 52' W.	92.50 m.
27	162-163	S. 75° 45' E.	49.70 m.
28	163-164	S. 11° 15' W.	68.60 m.

1	164-165	S. 17° 25' W.	157.30 m.
2	165-166	S. 29° 40' W.	79.20 m.
3	166-167	N. 88° 18' W.	233.80 m.
4	167-168	S. 87° 29' W.	385.17 m.
5	168-169	S. 87° 31' W.	202.89 m.
6	169-170	S. 87° 33' W.	194.48 m.
7	170-171	S. 87° 19' W.	354.39 m.
8	171-172	N. 78° 22' W.	317.52 m.
9	172-173	N. 77° 41' W.	334.29 m.
10	173-174	N. 76° 47' W.	144.83 m.
11	174-175	N. 77° 31' W.	170.74 m.
12	175-176	N. 77° 20' W.	226.52 m.
13	176-177	S. 89° 36' W.	312.21 m.
14	177-178	S. 89° 48' W.	201.70 m.
15	178-179	S. 66° 43' W.	199.65 m.
16	179-180	S. 63° 11' W.	293.11 m.
17	180-181	S. 46° 31' W.	215.25 m.
1.8	181-182	S. 46° 31' W.	138.93 m.
19	182-183	S. 46° 39' W.	377.25 m.
20	183-184	S. 46° 47' W.	233.53 m.
21	184-185	S. 45° 06' W.	300.80 m.
22	185-186	S. 45° 08' W.	203.72 m.
23	186-187	S. 45° 12' W.	180.81 m.
24	187-188	S. 45° 02' W.	. 396.80 m.
25	188-189	N. 63° 42' W.	188.91 m.
26	189-190	N. 39° 05' W.	455.30 m.
27	190-191	N. 17° 40' W.	167.70 m.
28	191-192	N. 36° 43' W.	573.40 m.

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1	192-193	N. 34° 32' W.	284.80 m.
2	193-194	N. 10° 33' W.	191.70 m.
3	194-195	N. 24° 36' W.	115.00 m.
4	195-196	N. 02° 12' E.	280.50 m.
5	196-197	N. 29° 46' W.	38.50 m.
6	197-198	N. 76° 39' W.	48.90 m.
7	198-199	N. 28° 41' W.	316.60 m.
8	199-200	N. 11° 27' W.	305.90 m.
9	200-201	N. 65° 24' W.	90.10 m.
10	201-202	N. 02° 38' E.	34.80 m.
11	202-203	N. 11° 06' E.	197.00 m.
12	203-204	N. 22° 01' E.	152.80 m.
13	204-205	N. 24° 36' E.	207.10 m.
14	205-206	N. 54° 20' W.	112.90 m.
15	206-207	N. 39° 01' W.	162.80 m.
16	207-208	N. 34° 25' W.	68.10 m.
17	208-209	N. 66° 54' W.	133.10 m.
18	209-210	N. 40° 49' W.	85.20 m.
19	210-211	N. 18° 03' E.	180.50 m.
20	211-212	N. 04° 41' E.	44.10 m.
21	212-213	N. 35° 37' E.	119.20 m.
22	213-214	N. 41° 46' W.	51.40 m.
23	214-215	N. 03° 53' W.	235.10 m.
24	215-216	N. 35° 31' W.	39.90 m.
25	216-217	N. 10° 11' W.	79.20 m.
26	217-218	N. 02° 23' W.	45.50 m.
27	218-219	N. 35° 35' W.	242.10 m.
28	219-220	N. 12° 34' W.	89.60 m.

1	220-221	N. 47° 18' E.	86.30 m.
2	221-222	N. 17° 22' W.	128.40 m.
3	222-223	N. 38° 25' W.	84.50 m.
4	223-224	N. 83° 57' W.	38.90 m.
5	224-225	N. 02° 39' W.	71.40 m.
6	225-226	N. 06° 09' E.	153.30 m.
7	226-227	N. 10° 51' W.	118.90 m.
8	227-228	N. 12° 43' E.	140.80 m.
9	228-229	N. 12° 30' E.	153.40 m.
10	229-230	N. 59° 52' E.	126.50 m.
11	230-231	N. 13° 36' E.	164.50 m.
12	231-232	N. 23° 42' E.	168.00 m.
13	232-233	N. 39° 28' E.	92.50 m.
14	233-234	N. 10° 00' W.	117.50 m.
15	234-235	N. 50° 58' E.	66.00 m.
16	235-236	N. 03° 15' E.	59.90 m.
17	236-237	N. 16° 05' E.	60.30 m.
18	237-238	N. 02° 57' W.	69.90 m.
19	238-239	N. 36° 29' W.	60.20 m.
20	239-240	N. 73° 30' W.	57.00 m.
21	240-241	N. 63° 54' W.	78.20 m.
22	241-242	N. 38° 56' W.	35.50 m.
23	242-243	N. 27° 40' W.	90.40 m.
24	243-244	N. 21° 41' W.	76.60 m.
25	244-245	N. 45° 24' W.	80.50 m.
26	245-246	N. 18° 23' W.	75.70 m.
27	246-247	N. 69° 48' W.	70.60 m.
28	247-248	N. 54° 56' W.	89.80 m.

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1	248-249	N. 70° 27' W.	73.20 m.
2	249-250	N. 26° 13' W.	58.40 m.
3	250-251	N. 76° 45' E.	37.10 m.
4	251-252	N. 11° 03' W.	307.40 m.
5	252-253	N. 58° 56' W.	56.40 m.
6	253-254	N. 48° 03' W.	65.10 m.
7	254-255	N. 38° 30' E.	68.70 m.
8	255-256	N. 03° 30' W.	98.20 m.
9	256-257	N. 06° 49' W.	191.20 m.
10	257-258	N. 13° 54' E.	97.00 m.
11	258-259	N. 70° 10' E.	45.10 m.
12	259-260	N. 03° 22' W.	79.90 m.
13	260-261	N. 55° 32' W.	71.60 m.
14	261-262	N. 61° 49' E.	80.90 m.
15	262-263	N. 44° 09` E.	76,50 m.
16	263-264	N. 77° 04' E.	32.60 m.
17	264-265	N. 10° 58' W.	94.60 m.
18	265-266	N. 29° 53' W.	79.70 m.
19	266-267	N. 10° 09' E.	138.00 m.
20	267-268	N. 00° 09' E.	74.21 m.
21	268-269	N. 32° 09' W.	45.50 m.
22	269-270	N. 27° 32' W.	68.30 m.
23	270-271	N. 14° 57'W.	['] 72.90 m.
24	271-272	N. 16° 59' E.	71.50 m.
25	272-273	N. 37° 02' E.	119.40 m.
26	273-274	N. 06° 42' E.	109.80 m.
27	274-275	N. 71° 14' E.	81.40 m.
28	275-276	N. 19° 31' E.	64.90 m.

1	276-277	N. 20° 37' W.	166.10 m.
2	277-278	N. 78° 44' W.	54.80 m.
3	278-279	N. 13° 56' W.	85.90 m.
4	279-280	N. 19° 14' W.	69.80 m.
5	280-281	N. 52° 59' W.	71.30 m.
6	281-282	N. 76° 06' W.	77.90 m.
7	282-283	N. 03° 11' E.	72.20 m.
8	283-284	N. 19° 31' W.	48.50 m.
9	284-285	N. 56° 07' W.	40.00 m.
10	285-286	S. 80° 09' W.	88.00 m.
11	286-287	S. 76° 51' W.	45.30 m.
12	287-288	N. 53° 03' W.	28.80 m.
13	288-289	N. 25° 06' W.	133.60 m.
14	289-290	N. 09° 55' W.	37. 8 0 m.
15	290-291	N. 29° 17' W.	166.00 m.
16	291-292	N. 09° 37' E.	144.20 m.
17	292-293	N. 27° 30' E.	142.50 m.
18	293-294	N. 32° 40' W.	95.40 m.
19	294-295	N. 33° 22' E.	114.70 m.
20	295-296	N. 18° 09' E.	55.60 m.
21	296-297	N. 01° 36' W.	92.60 m.
22	297-298	N. 02° 25' E.	121.00 m.
23	298-299	N. 06° 51' W.	89.70 m.
24	299-300	N. 04° 48' E.	154.00 m.
25	300-301	S. 46° 20' E.	51.60 m.
26	301-302	N. 16° 02' W.	95.60 m.
27	302-303	N. 13° 19' W.	89.00 m.
28	303-304	N. 47° 03' W.	65.20 m.

]	304-305	N. 38° 59' W.	42.50 m.
2	305-306	N. 03° 06' E.	35.10 m.
3	306-307	N. 47° 28' W.	59.00 m.
4	307-308	N. 66° 19' W.	42.60 m.
5	308-309	N. 24° 13' W.	80.90 m.
6	309-310	N. 05° 02' W.	150.40 m.
7	310-311	N. 11° 23' E.	85.10 m.
8	311-312	N. 34° 23' W.	70.30 m.
9	312-313	N. 16° 09' E.	75.90 m.
10	313-314	N. 09° 33' W.	· 69.90 m.
11	314-315	N. 15° 54' W.	124.80 m.
12	315-316	N. 15° 25' E.	126.00 m.
13	316-317	N. 09° 27' W.	120.00 m.
14	317-318	N. 30° 49' W.	20.50 m.
15	318-319	N. 26° 49' W.	, 50.10 m.
16	319-320	N. 36° 39' W.	47.20 m.
17	320-1	N. 62° 55' E.	2,008.60 m.

18 The foregoing provision shall be without prejudice to the resolution by 19 the appropriate agency or forum of existing boundary disputes or cases 20 involving questions of territorial jurisdiction between the City and its adjoining 21 local government units: *Provided*, That, the territorial jurisdiction of the 22 disputed area or areas shall remain with the local government unit which has 23 existing administrative supervision over said area or areas until the final 24 resolution of the case.

SEC. 3. Corporate Powers of the City. – The City constitutes a political body corporate and as such is endowed with the attributes of perpetual succession and possessed of the powers which pertain to a municipal corporation to be exercised in conformity with the provisions of this Charter. 1 The City shall have the following corporate powers:

- 2 (a) To have a continuous succession in its corporate name;
- 3 (b) To sue and be sued;
 - (c) To have and use a corporate seal;
- 5 (d) To acquire and convey real or personal property;
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(e) To enter into contracts; and

7 (f) To exercise such other powers, prerogatives and authority as are
8 granted to corporations, subject to the limitations provided for in this Act and
9 other laws.

SEC. 4. General Powers of the City. - The City shall have a common 10 seal and may alter the same at pleasure. It shall exercise the power to levy - 11 taxes, close and open roads, streets, alleys, parks or squares subject to the 12 provisions of the Constitution and existing laws. It may take, purchase, receive, 13 hold, lease, convey and dispose of real and personal property for the general 14 interests of the City; expropriate or condemn private property for public use; 15 contract and be contracted with; sue and be sued; prosecute and defend to final 16 judgment and execution suits wherein the City is a party; and exercise all the 17 powers as are granted to corporations and/or as hereinafter conferred. 18

19 SEC. 5. *General Welfare Clause of the City.* – The City shall exercise 20 the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as 21 powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective 22 governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general 23 welfare.

Within its territorial jurisdiction, the City shall ensure and support, among other things, preserve and enrich its culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and
 order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.

3 SEC. 6. *Liability for Damages.* – Unless otherwise provided by law, the 4 City of Dasmariñas shall be liable for injuries or damages to persons or 5 property arising from the act or omission of any of its officers or employees 6 while in the performance of their official functions.

SEC. 7. Jurisdiction of the City. – The jurisdiction of the City of Dasmariñas, for police purpose only, shall be coextensive with its territorial jurisdiction and for the purpose of protecting and ensuring the purity of the water supply of the City, such police jurisdiction shall also extend over all territory within the drainage area of such water supply or within one hundred meters (100 m.) of any reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct or pumping station used in connection with the city water service.

The regional trial courts and the city courts of the City of Dasmariñas shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the regional trial courts and the metropolitan trial courts or city or municipal courts of the adjoining municipalities or cities, to try crimes and misdemeanors committed within said drainage area or within said spaces of one hundred meters (100 m.).

19 The court first taking cognizance of such an offense shall have 20 jurisdiction to try said cases to the exclusion of others. The police forces of the 21 several municipalities and cities concerned shall have concurrent jurisdiction 22 with the police forces of the City for the maintenance of good order and 23 enforcement of ordinance throughout said zone, area or spaces. But any license 24 that may be issued within said zone, area or spaces shall be granted by the 25 proper authorities of the city or municipality concerned, and the fees arising

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therefrom shall accrue to the treasury of the said city or municipality concerned 1 and not to the City. 2

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ARTICLE II

CITY OFFICIALS IN GENERAL

SEC. 8. The Officials of the City of Dasmariñas. -(a) There shall be in 5 the City of Dasmariñas: a city mayor, a city vice mayor, twelve (12) 6 sangguniang panlungsod members, a secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod, 7 a city treasurer and an assistant city treasurer, a city assessor and an assistant a 8 city assessor, a city accountant, a city engineer, an assistant city engineer, a 9 city architect, a city budget officer, a city planning and development officer, a 10 city health officer, an assistant city health officer, a city civil registrar, an 11 assistant city civil registrar, a city administrator, a city legal officer, a city 12 social welfare and development officer, a city veterinarian, a city general 13 services officer, a city information officer, a city cooperatives officer, a city 14 a city agriculturist, a city environment and natural population officer, 15 resources officer, a city tourism officer and a city human resource development 16 officer. 17

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(b) In addition thereto, the city mayor may appoint a city population officer and a city building official. 19

(c) The City shall establish a city fire station to be headed by a city fire 20 marshal, a city jail to be headed by a city jail warden, a city schools division to 21 be headed by a city schools division superintendent and a city prosecution 22 service to be headed by a city prosecutor. 23

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(d) The sangguniang panlungsod of the City of Dasmariñas may:

(1) Maintain existing offices not mentioned in subsections (a), (b) and 25 26 (c) hereof;

27 (2) Create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out the 28 purposes of the City; and

- (3) Consolidate the functions of any office with those of another in the 1 interest of efficiency and economy. 2

Unless otherwise provided herein, all appointive city officials of the 3 City shall be appointed by the city mayor, subject to civil service law, rules and 4 regulations. The sangguniang panlungsod shall act on the appointment within 5 6 fifteen (15) days from the date of its submission, otherwise the same shall be 7 deemed confirmed.

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ARTICLE III

THE CITY MAYOR AND THE CITY VICE MAYOR

SEC. 9. The City Mayor. - (a) The city mayor shall be the chief 10executive of the City. He shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the 11 City. No person shall be eligible for the position of city mayor unless at the 12 time of election, he is at least twenty-one (21) years of age, a resident of the 13 City for at least one (1) year prior to his election and a qualified voter therein. 14 He shall hold office for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, and shall 15 16 receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade Thirty (30) as prescribed under Republic Act No. 6758, otherwise known as 17 the Salary Standardization Law, and the implementing guidelines issued 18 pursuant thereto, and such other compensation, emoluments and allowances as 19 may be determined by law. 20

(b) The city mayor, as the chief executive of the city government, shall 21 exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions as provided 22 herein: 23

(1) Exercise general supervision and control over all programs, 24 25 projects, services and activities of the city government, those powers expressly granted to him by law, those necessarily implied therefrom as well as powers 26 27 necessary, appropriate or incidental for the efficient and effective governance

of the City, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general 1 2 welfare and, in this connection, shall:

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(i) Determine the guidelines of city policies and be responsible to the sangguniang panlungsod for the program of government;

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(ii) Direct the formulation of the city development plan with the 6 assistance of the city development council and, upon approval thereof by the sangguniang panlungsod, implement the same; 7

8 (iii) Present the program of government and propose policies and projects for the consideration of the sangguniang panlungsod at the opening of 9 10 the regular session of the sangguniang panlungsod every calendar year and as 11 often as may be deemed necessary as the general welfare of the inhabitants and 12 the needs of the city government may require;

(iv) Initiate and propose legislative measures to the sangguniang 13 panlungsod, as may be deemed necessary, and provide such information and 14 data needed or requested by said sanggunian in the performance of its ° - 15 legislative functions; 16

(v) Appoint all officials and employees whose salaries and wages are 17 wholly or mainly paid out of city funds and whose appointments are not 18 otherwise provided for in the Local Government Code of 1991, as well as 19 those he may be authorized by law to appoint; 20

(vi) Represent the City in all its business transactions and sign on its 21 behalf all bonds, contracts, obligations and such other documents upon 22 authority of the sangguniang panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance; 23

(vii) Carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during 24 and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities; 25

(viii) Determine the time, manner and place of payments of salaries or 26 wages of the officials and employees of the City, in accordance with law or 27 28 ordinance;

1 (ix) Allocate and assign office space to city and other officials and 2 employees who, by law or ordinance, are entitled to such space in the city hall 3 and other buildings owned or leased by the city government, including the 4 offices and officials created therein;

5 (x) Ensure that all executive officials and employees of the City 6 faithfully discharge their duties and functions as provided by law and this Act, 7 and cause to be instituted administrative or judicial proceedings against any 8 official or employee of the City who may have committed an offense in the 9 performance of their official duties;

(xi) Examine the books, records and other documents of all offices,
officials, agents or employees of the City and, in aid of his executive powers
and authority, require all national officials and employees stationed in or
assigned to the City to make available to him such books, records and other
documents in their custody, except those classified by law as confidential;

15 (xii) Furnish copies of executive orders issued by him to the provincial
16 governor within seventy-two (72) hours after their issuance;

17 (xiii) Visit component barangays of the City at least once every six (6) 18 months to deepen his understanding of the problems and conditions, listen and 19 give appropriate counsel to local officials and inhabitants of general laws and 20 ordinances which especially concern them, and otherwise conduct visits and 21 inspections to ensure that the governance of the City will improve the quality 22 of life of the inhabitants;

(xiv) Act on leave applications of officials and employees appointed
by him and the commutation of the monetary value of their leave credits in
accordance with law;

26 (xv) Authorize official trips of city officials and employees outside of
27 the City for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days;

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1 (xvi) Call upon any national official or employee stationed in or 2 assigned to the City to advise him on matters affecting the City and to make 3 recommendations thereon; coordinate with the said officials or employees in 4 the formulation and implementation of plans, programs and projects; and when 5 appropriate, initiate an administrative or judicial action against a national 6 government official or employee who may have committed an offense in the 7 performance of their official duties while stationed in or assigned to the City;

8 (xvii) Authorize payments for medical care, necessary transportation, 9 subsistence, hospital or medical fees of city officials and employees who are 10 injured while in the performance of their official duties and functions, subject 11 to the availability of funds;

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(xviii) Solemnize marriages;

13 (xix) Conduct an annual palarong panlungsod which shall feature
14 traditional sports and disciplines included in national and international games,
15 in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), the Philippine
16 Sports Commission and other related agencies; and

17 (xx) Submit to the provincial governor the following reports: an annual 18 report containing a summary of all matters pertinent to the management, 19 administration and development of the City and all information and data 20 relative to its political, social and economic condition; and supplemental 21 reports when unexpected events and situations arise at any time during the 22 year, particularly when man-made or natural disasters or calamities affect the 23 general welfare of the City;

(2) Enforce all laws and ordinances relative to the governance of the
City and in the exercise of its appropriate corporate powers as provided for
under Section 22 of the Local Government Code of 1991, implement all
approved policies, programs, projects, services and, activities of the City and,
in addition to the foregoing, shall:

1 (i) Ensure that the acts of the City's component barangays and of its officials and employees are within the scope of their prescribed powers, duties 2 and functions: 3

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(ii) Call conventions, conferences, seminars or meetings of elective or appointive officials of the City, including national officials and employees 5 stationed in or assigned to the City, at such time and place and on such subject 6 he may deem important for the promotion of the general welfare of the local 7 8 government unit and its inhabitants;

(iii) Issue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate 9 10 enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;

(iv) Be entitled to carry the necessary firearms within his territorial 11 jurisdiction after the procurement of necessary permit/s and/or license/s from 12 duly constituted authorities; 13

(v) Act as the deputized representative of the National Police 14 Commission, formulate the peace and order plan of the City and upon its 15 approval, implement the same and as such, exercise general and operational 16 control and supervision over the local police forces in the City in accordance 17 with Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the Philippine National 18 Police Law: and 19

(vi) Call upon the appropriate law enforcement agencies to suppress 20disorder, riot, lawless violence, rebellion or sedition, or apprehend violators of 21 the law when public interest so requires and the city police forces are 22 inadequate to cope with the situation or the violators; 23

(3) Initiate and maximize the generation of resources and revenues 24 25 and apply the same to the implementation of development plans, program objectives and priorities, particularly the resources and revenues programmed 26 27 for agro-industrial development and the provision of basic services and, 28 relative thereto, shall:

- (i) Require each head of an office or department to prepare and submit i an estimate of appropriations for the ensuing calendar year, in accordance with, 2 the budget preparation process and in accordance with the provisions of the 3 Local Government Code of 1991 and other relevant laws; 4
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Prepare and submit to the sanggunian for approval the executive (ii) and supplemental budgets of the City for the ensuing calendar year in the 6 manner provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991: 7

(iii) Ensure that all taxes and other revenues of the City are collected 8 9 and that city funds are applied to the payment of expenses and the settlement of 10 obligations of the City, in accordance with law or ordinance;

(iv) Issue licenses and permits and suspend or revoke the same for any 11 violation of the conditions upon which said licenses or permits had been 12 issued, pursuant to law or ordinance; 13

Issue permits, not requiring approval from any national agency, for 14 (\mathbf{v}) the holding of activities for any charitable or welfare purpose, excluding 15 prohibited games of chance or shows contrary to law, public policy and public 16 17 morals:

(vi) Require owners of illegally constructed houses, buildings or 18 structures to obtain the necessary permits, subject to such fines and penalties as 19 may be imposed by law or ordinance, or to make necessary changes in the 20 construction or to order the demolition or removal of said houses, buildings or 21 structures within the period prescribed by law or ordinance; 22

(vii) Adopt adequate measures to safeguard and conserve land, 23 mineral, forest, marine and other resources of the City; 24

(viii) Provide efficient and effective property and supply management 25 in the City, and protect the funds, credits, rights and other properties of the 26 City; and 27

1 (ix) Institute or cause to be instituted administrative or judicial 2 proceedings for violation of ordinances in the collection of taxes, fees or 3 charges, and for the recovery of funds and property; and cause the City to be 4 defended against all suits to ensure that its interests, resources and rights shall 5 be adequately protected;

6 (4) Ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate
7 facilities as provided for under Section 17 of the Local Government Code of
8 1991 and, in addition thereto, shall:

9 (i) Ensure that the construction and repair of roads, bridges and 10 highways funded by the national government shall be, as far as practicable, 11 carried out in a spatially contiguous manner and in coordination with the 12 construction and repair of the roads and bridges of the City and of the 13 province; and

(ii) Coordinate the implementation of technical services, including
public works and infrastructure programs, rendered by national offices and
provincial office; and

17 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
18 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
19 that are prescribed by other relevant laws or by ordinance; and

20 (c) During his incumbency, the city mayor shall hold office in the city21 hall.

SEC. 10. *The City Vice Mayor.* – (a) There shall be a city vice mayor who shall be elected in the same manner as the city mayor and shall, at the time of his election, possess the same qualifications as the city mayor. He shall hold office for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, and shall receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade Twenty-six (26) as prescribed under the Salary Standardization Law and the implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto, and such other compensation, emoluments
 and allowances as may be determined by law.

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(b) The city vice mayor shall:

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(1) Be the presiding officer of the sangguniang panlungsod and sign all

warrants drawn on the city treasury for all expenditures appropriated for the
operation of the sangguniang panlungsod;

(2) Subject to civil service law, rules and regulations, appoint all
officials and employees, including the secretary of the sangguniang
panlungsod, except those whose manner of appointment is specifically
provided for in the Local Government Code of 1991;

(3) Assume the office of the city mayor for the unexpired term of the
latter in the event of permanent vacancy, as provided for in Section 44 of the
Local Government Code of 1991;

14 (4) Exercise the powers and perform the duties and functions of the city
15 mayor in case of temporary vacancy; and

(5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
that are prescribed by other relevant laws or by ordinance.

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ARTICLE IV The Sangguniang Panlungsod

SEC. 11. Composition and Compensation. – The sangguniang panlungsod, the legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the city vice mayor as the presiding officer, the twelve (12) regular sanggunian members, the president of the city chapter of the liga ng mga barangay and the president of the panlungsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan, and such other members as may be provided for by law.

The regular members of the sangguniang panlungsod, the sectoral representatives and other members shall be elected or appointed in the manner

as may be provided for by law. The elective members of the sangguniang 1 panlungsod shall possess the qualifications as provided for under Section 39 of 2 the Local Government Code of 1991. 3

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They shall receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade Twenty-five (25) as prescribed under the Salary Standardization 5 Law and the implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto, and such other 6 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law. 7

8 SEC. 12. Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation. - The 9 sangguniang panlungsod shall:

10 (a) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective city government and, in this connection, shall: 11

12 (1) Review all ordinances approved by the sangguniang barangay and executive orders issued by the punong barangay to determine whether these are 13 within the scope of the prescribed powers of the sangguniang barangay and of 14 15 the punong barangay;

(2) Maintain peace and order by enacting measures to prevent and 16 suppress lawlessness, disorder, riot, violence, rebellion or sedition and impose, 17 penalties for the violation of said ordinances; 18

(3) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Five thousand 19 pesos (P5,000.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year, 20 21 or both, at the discretion of the court, for violation of a city ordinance;

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(4) Adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the City from harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities, and to provide relief 23 services and assistance to victims during and in the aftermath of said disaster 24 or calamity and in their return to productive livelihood following said events; 25

(5) Enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose 26 appropriate penalties for habitual drunkenness in public places, vagrancy, 27 mendicancy, prostitution, establishment and maintenance of houses of ill 28

repute, gambling and other prohibited games of chance, fraudulent devices and
ways to obtain money or property, drug addiction, maintenance of drug dens,
drug pushing, juvenile delinquency, the printing, distribution or exhibition of
obscene or pornographic materials or publications and such other activities
inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the City;

6 (6) Protect the environment. Towards this end, it shall set aside a 7 reasonable amount from its development funds for the purpose of maintaining 8 and enhancing the ecological balance of the City. It may also impose 9 appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment and such other 10 activities which result in pollution, eutrophication of rivers and other bodies of 11 water, or of ecological imbalance, the fines for which shall be used exclusively 12 for the advancement of ecological protection;

13 (7) Subject to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991
14 and other pertinent laws, determine the powers and duties of officials and
15 employees of the City;

(8) Consistent with the Salary Standardization Law, determine the
positions and the salaries, wages, allowances and other emoluments and
benefits of officials and employees paid wholly or mainly from city funds and
provide for expenditures necessary for the proper conduct of programs,
projects, services and activities of the city government;

(9) Authorize the payment of compensation to a qualified person not in
the government service, who fills up a temporary vacancy or grant honorarium
to any qualified official or employee designated to fill up a temporary vacancy
in a concurrent capacity at the rate authorized by law;

(10) Provide a mechanism and the appropriate funds therefor to ensure
the safety and protection of all city government properties, public documents
or records such as those relating to property inventory, land ownership, records
of births, marriages, deaths, assessments, taxation, accounts, business permits

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and such other records and documents of public interest in the offices and 1 2 departments of the city government;

(11) When the finances of the city government allow, provide for 3 additional allowances and other benefits to judges, prosecutors, public 4 elementary and high school teachers, and other national government officials 5 6 stationed in or assigned to the City;

(12) Provide legal assistance to barangay officials, who in the 7 performance of their official duties or on the occasion thereof, have to initiate 8 9 judicial proceedings or defend themselves against legal actions; and

10 (13) Provide for group insurance or additional insurance coverage for all barangay officials, including members of barangay tanod brigades and other 11 12 service units, with public or private insurance companies;

(b) Generate and maximize the use of resources and revenues for the 13 development plans, program objectives and priorities of the City with 14 particular attention to agro-industrial development, citywide growth and 15 progress, and the provision of basic services and, relative thereto, the 16 17 sangguniang panlungsod shall:

(1) Approve the annual and supplemental budgets of the city 18 government and appropriate funds for specific programs, projects, services and 19 activities of the City or for other purposes not contrary to law, in order to 20 promote the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants; 21

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(2) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code 23 of 1991 and applicable laws and, upon the majority vote of all the members of 24 the sangguniang panlungsod, enact ordinances levying taxes, fees and charges, prescribing the rates thereof for general and specific purposes, and granting tax 25 26 exemptions, incentives or reliefs;

27 (3) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code 28 of 1991 and applicable laws and, upon the majority vote of all the members of the sangguniang panlungsod, authorize the city mayor to negotiate and contract loans and other forms of indebtedness. The application for loans or other forms of indebtedness and the terms and conditions thereof shall, before approval, be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. Once approved, the contract covering the loans or other forms of indebtedness shall be furnished to any city resident requesting a copy thereof, upon payment of reasonable fees;

8 (4) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code 9 of 1991 and applicable laws and, upon the majority vote of all members of the sangguniang panlungsod, enact ordinances authorizing the floating of bonds or 10 11 other instruments of indebtedness for the purpose of raising funds to finance development projects. The authorization to float bonds or other instruments of 12 indebtedness shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the 13 14 City. Once approved, the contract covering the floating of bonds or other 15 instruments of indebtedness shall be furnished to any city resident requesting a 16 copy thereof, upon payment of reasonable fees;

(5) Appropriate funds for the construction and maintenance or the
rental of buildings for the use of the City and, upon the majority vote of all the
members of the sangguniang panlungsod, authorize the city mayor to lease to
private parties such public buildings held in a proprietary capacity, subject to
existing laws, rules and regulations;

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(6) Prescribe reasonable limits and restraints on the use of property within the jurisdiction of the City;

(7) Adopt a comprehensive land-use plan for the City and ensure that
the formulation, adoption or modification of said plan shall be in coordination
with the approved provincial comprehensive land-use plan;

(8) Reclassify lands within the jurisdiction of the City, subject to
pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991;

1 (9) Enact integrated zoning ordinances in consonance with the 2 approved comprehensive land-use plan, subject to existing laws, rules and 3 regulations; establish fire limits or zones, particularly in populous centers; and 4 regulate the construction, repair or modification of buildings within said fire 5 limits or zones, in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Code;

6 (10) Subject to national law, process and approve subdivision plans for 7 residential, commercial or industrial purposes and other development purposes 8 and to collect processing fees and other charges, the proceeds of which shall 9 accrue entirely to the City: *Provided, however*, That where the approval of a 10 national agency or office is required, said approval shall not be withheld for 11 more than thirty (30) days from receipt of the application. Failure to act on the 12 application within the period stated above shall be deemed as approval thereof;

(11) With the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the
members of the sangguniang panlungsod, grant tax exemptions, incentives or
reliefs to entities engaged in community growth-inducing industries, subject to
the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991;

(12) Grant loans or provide grants to other local government units or to
 national, provincial and city charitable, benevolent or educational institutions:
 Provided, That said institutions are operated and maintained within the City;

20 (13) Regulate the numbering of residential, commercial and other21 buildings; and

(14) Regulate the inspection, weighing and measuring of articles ofcommerce;

(c) Subject to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991,
enact ordinances granting franchises and authorizing the issuance of permits or
licenses, upon such conditions and for such purposes intended to promote the
general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and, pursuant to this legislative
authority, shall:

(1) Fix and impose reasonable fees and charges for all services
 rendered by the city government to private persons or entities;

3 (2) Regulate or fix license fees for any business or practice of 4 profession within the City and the conditions under which the license for said 5 business or practice of profession may be revoked, and enact ordinances 6 levying taxes thereon;

7 (3) Provide for and set the conditions under which public utilities
8 owned by the City shall be operated by the city government and prescribe the
9 conditions under which the same may be leased to private persons or entities,
10 preferably cooperatives;

(4) Regulate the display of and fix the license fees for signs, signboards
or billboards at the place or places where the profession or business advertised
thereby is, in whole or in part, conducted;

14 (5) Authorize and license the establishment, operation and maintenance
15 of cockpits, regulate cockfightings and commercial breeding of gamecocks;

(6) Subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Department of
Transportation and Communications (DOTC), regulate the operation of
tricycles and grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorialjurisdiction of the City; and

(7) Upon approval by a majority vote of all the members of the
sangguniang panlungsod, grant a franchise to any person, partnership,
corporation or cooperative to do business within the City; establish, construct,
operate and maintain ferries, wharves, markets or slaughterhouses; or
undertake such other activities within the City as may be allowed by existing
laws: *Provided*, That cooperatives shall be given preference in the grant of
such franchise;

(d) Regulate activities relative to the use of land, buildings and 1 structures within the City in order to promote the general welfare and, for the 2 3 said purpose, shall:

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(1) Declare, prevent or abate any nuisance;

5 (2) With the concurrence of a majority of the members of the sangguniang panlungsod constituting a quorum, deny the entry of legalized 6 gambling by ordinance into any part of the City or regulate its location within 7 8 the City;

9 (3) Require that buildings and the premises thereof and any land within the City be kept and maintained in a sanitary condition; impose penalties for 10 any violation thereof or, upon failure to comply with the requirement, have the 11 work done at the expense of the owner, administrator or tenant concerned and 12 require the filling up of any land or premises to a grade necessary for proper 13 14 sanitation;

(4) Regulate the disposal of clinical and other wastes from hospitals, 15 16 clinics and other similar establishments;

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(5) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of cafes, restaurants, beerhouses, hotels, motels, inns, pension houses, lodging houses 18 and other similar establishments, including tourist guides and transports; 19

(6) Regulate the sale, giving away or dispensing of any intoxicating 20malt, vino, mixed or fermented liquors at any retail outlets; 21

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(7) Regulate the establishment and provide for the inspection of steam 23 boilers or any heating device in buildings and the storage of inflammable and 24 highly combustible materials within the City;

(8) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of 25 entertainment or amusement facilities, including the theatrical performance, 26 circuses, billiard halls, public dancing schools, public dance halls, sauna baths, 27 massage parlors and other places for entertainment or amusement, particularly 28

those which tend to disturb the community or annoy the inhabitants or require
the suspension or suppression of the same; or prohibit certain forms of
amusement or entertainment in order to protect the social and moral welfare of
the community;

5 (9) Provide for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping 6 of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or 7 disposition of the same; and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to 8 animals, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations; and

9 (10) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of funeral 10 parlors and the burial or cremation of the dead, subject to existing laws, rules 11 and regulations;

(e) Approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective
delivery of basic services and facilities as provided for under the Local
Government Code of 1991 and, in addition to said services and facilities, shall:

(1) Establish markets, slaughterhouses or animal corrals and authorize
the operation thereof by the city government; and regulate the construction and
operation of private markets, talipapas or other similar buildings and
structures;

19 (2) Regulate the preparation and sale of fish, meat, poultry, vegetables,
 20 fruits, fresh dairy products and other foodstuffs for public consumption;

(3) Regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, 21 parks and other public places, and approve the construction, improvement, 22 repair and maintenance of the same; establish bus and vehicle stops and 23 terminals, or regulate the use of the same by privately-owned vehicles which 24 serve the public; regulate garages and the operation of conveyances for hire; 25 designate stands to be occupied by public vehicles when not in use; regulate 26 27 the putting up of signs, signposts, awnings and awning posts on the streets; and 28 provide for the lighting, cleaning and sprinkling of streets and public places:

(4) Regulate traffic on all streets and bridges; prohibit encroachment or
 obstacles thereon and, when necessary in the interest of public welfare,
 authorize the removal of encroachments and illegal constructions in public
 places;

(5) Subject to existing laws and when necessary, establish and provide 5 for the maintenance, repair and operation of an efficient waterworks system to 6 7 supply water for the inhabitants and to purify the source of the water supply; regulate the construction, maintenance, repair and use of hydrants, pumps, 8 cisterns and reservoirs; protect the purity and quantity of the water supply of 9 the City and, for this purpose, extend the coverage of appropriate ordinances 10 over all territory within the drainage area of said water supply within one , 11 hundred meters (100 m.) of the reservoir, canal, conduit aqueduct, pumping 12 station or watershed used in connection with the water service; and regulate the 13 consumption, use or wastage of water and fix and collect charges therefor; 14

(6) Regulate the drilling and excavation of the ground for the laying of 15 water, gas, sewer and other pipes and the construction, repair and maintenance 16 of public drains, sewers, cesspools, tunnels and similar structures; regulate the 17 placing of poles and the use of crosswalks, curbs and gutters; adopt measures 18 to ensure public safety against open canals, manholes, live wires and other 19 similar hazards to life and property; and regulate the construction and use of 20 private water closets, privies and other similar structures in buildings and 21 22 homes;

(7) Regulate the placing, stringing, attaching, installing, repair and
construction of all gas mains, electric telegraph and telephone wires, conduits,
meters and other apparatus; and provide for the correction, condemnation or
removal of the same when found to be dangerous, defective or otherwise
hazardous to the welfare of the inhabitants;

(8) Subject to the availability of funds and the existing laws, rules and 1 2 regulations, establish or maintain, and/or provide for the operation of a city 3 college, vocational and technical schools and similar post-secondary institutions and, with the approval of the DepEd, the Commission on Higher 4 Education or the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, as 5 the case may be, and subject to existing laws on tuition fees, fix and collect 6 reasonable tuition fees and other school charges in educational institutions 7 8 supported by the city government;

9 (9) Ensure the physical maintenance of educational institutions under 10 the operational control of the City and the provision of books and other capital 11 equipment for the same;

(10) Establish a scholarship fund for poor but deserving students in
schools located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the City;

14 (11) Approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to prevent the
15 introduction and spread of diseases;

16 (12) Provide for an efficient and effective system of solid waste and 17 garbage collection and prohibit littering and the placing or throwing of 18 garbage, refuse and other filth and wastes; and, for this purpose, provide for 19 incentive schemes for industries engaged in the recycling of waste and 20 garbage;

(13) Provide for the care of disabled persons, paupers, the aged, the
sick, persons of unsound mind, abandoned minors, juvenile delinquents, drug
dependents, abused children and other needy and disadvantaged persons,
particularly children and the youth below eighteen (18) years of age and,
subject to the availability of funds, establish and provide for the operation of
centers and facilities for the said needy and disadvantaged persons;

(14) Establish and provide for the maintenance and improvement ofjails and detention centers, institute a sound jail management program,

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including a continuing education and training program for jail personnel 1 2 assigned or detailed in jails and detention centers within the jurisdiction of the City, and the provision of separate detention centers for women and minors; 3

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(15) Establish a city council whose purpose is the promotion of culture and the arts, coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental 5 organizations and, subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds for the 6 7 support and development of the same;

(16) Establish a city council for the elderly which shall formulate 8 policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly and to the 9 10 community; provide incentives for nongovernmental agencies and entities and, 11 subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds to support programs and projects for the benefit of the elderly; and 12

(17) Perform for a social housing fund for the provision of housing for 13 4 the poor and, for this purpose, may allocate a reasonable amount annually for the acquisition of land and development of the same; and 15

(f) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such powers 16 as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are 17 18 prescribed by other relevant laws or by ordinance.

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PROCESS OF LEGISLATION

ARTICLE V

21 SEC. 13. Internal Rules of Procedure. - (a) On the first regular session 22 following the election of its members and, within ninety (90) days thereafter, the sangguniang panlungsod shall adopt or update its rules of procedure. 23

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(b) The rules of procedure shall provide for the following:

(1) The organization of the sanggunian and the election of its officers 25 as well as the creation of standing committees which shall include, but shall not 26 be limited to, the committees on appropriations, women and family, human 27 rights, youth and sports development, environmental protection and 28

cooperatives, the general jurisdiction of each committee and the election of the
 chairman and members of each committee;

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(2) The order and calendar of business for each session:

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(3) The legislative process:

5 (4) The parliamentary procedures, which include the conduct of 6 members during sessions;

7 (5) The discipline of members for disorderly behavior and absences 8 . without justifiable cause for four (4) consecutive sessions for which they may be censured, reprimanded or excluded from the sessions, suspended for not 9 more than sixty (60) days or expelled: Provided, That the penalty of 10 11 suspension or expulsion shall require the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the sanggunian members: *Provided, further*. That a member 12 convicted by final judgment to imprisonment of at least one (1) year for any 13 crime involving moral turpitude shall be automatically expelled from the 14 15 sanggunian; and

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(6) Such other rules as the sanggunian may adopt.

SEC. 14. Full Disclosure of Financial and Business Interests of 17 Sangguniang Panlungsod Members. - (a) Every sangguniang panlungsod 18 member shall, upon assumption to office, make a full disclosure of his business 19 and financial interests. He shall also disclose any professional relationship or 20 any relation by affinity or consanguinity within the fourth civil degree, which 21 he may have with any person, firm or entity affected by any ordinance or 22 resolution under consideration by the sanggunian of which he is a member, 23 which relationship may result in conflict of interests. Such relationship shall 24 include: 25

26 (1) Ownership of stock or capital, or investment in the entity or firm to
27 which the ordinance or resolution may apply; and

(2) Contracts or agreements with any person or entity which the 1 2 ordinance or resolution under consideration may affect.

In the absence of specific constitutional or statutory provisions 3 applicable to this situation, "conflict of interest" refers in general to one where 4 5 it may be reasonably deduced that a member of a sanggunian may not act in the public interest due to some private, pecuniary or other personal considerations 6 that may tend to affect his judgment to the prejudice of the service or the 7 8 public.

(b) The disclosure required under this Act shall be made in writing and 9 submitted to the secretary of the sanggunian or the secretary of the committee 10 of which he is a member. The disclosure shall, in all cases, form part of the 11 record of the proceedings and shall be made in the following manner: 12

(1) Disclosure shall be made before the member participates in the 13 deliberations on the ordinance or resolution under consideration: Provided, 14 That if the member did not participate during the deliberations, the disclosure 15 16 shall be made before voting on the ordinance or resolution on second and third 17 readings; and

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(2) Disclosure shall be made when a member takes a position or makes a privilege speech on a matter that may affect the business interest, financial 19 connection or professional relationship described therein. 20

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SEC. 15. Sessions. - (a) On the first day of the session immediately following the election of its members, the sangguniang panlungsod shall, by 22 resolution, fix the day, time and place of its sessions. The minimum number of 23 regular sessions shall be once a week. 24

(b) When the public interest so demands, special sessions may be 25 26 called by the city mayor or by a majority of the members of the sanggunian.

27 (c) All sanggunian sessions shall be open to the public unless a closed-28 door session is ordered by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, there being a quorum, in the public interest or for reasons of security,
 decency or morality. No two (2) sessions, regular or special, may be held in a
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(d) In the case of special sessions of the sanggunian, a written notice to the members shall be served personally at the member's usual place of residence at least twenty-four (24) hours before the special session is held.

Unless otherwise concurred in by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the sanggunian members present, there being a quorum, no other matters may be considered at a special session except those stated in the notice.

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(e) The sanggunian shall keep a journal and a record of its proceedings which may be published upon a resolution of the sangguniang panlungsod.

SEC. 16. *Quorum.* – (a) A majority of all the members of the sanggunian who have been elected and qualified shall constitute a quorum to transact official business. Should a question of quorum be raised during a session, the presiding officer shall immediately proceed to call the roll of the members and thereafter announce the result.

17 (b) Where there is no quorum, the presiding officer may declare a 18 recess until such time a quorum is constituted, or a majority of the members 19 present may adjourn from day to day and may compel the immediate 20 attendance of any member absent without justifiable cause by designating a 21 member or members of the sanggunian to be assisted by a member or members 22 of the police force assigned in the territorial jurisdiction of the City of 23 Dasmariñas, to arrest the absent member and present him at the session.

(c) If there is still no quorum despite the enforcement of the
immediately preceding subsection, no business shall be transacted. The
presiding officer, upon proper motion and duly approved by the members
present, shall then declare the session adjourned for lack of quorum.

SEC. 17. Approval of Ordinances. -(a) Every ordinance enacted by the 1 sangguniang panlungsod shall be presented to the city mayor. If the city mayor 2 3 approves the same, he shall affix his signature on each and every page thereof; otherwise, he shall veto it and return the same with his objections to the 4 5 sanggunian, which may proceed to reconsider the same. The sanggunian may override the veto of the city mayor by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members. 6 7 thereby making the ordinance or resolution effective for all legal intents and 8 purposes.

9 (b) The veto shall be communicated by the city mayor to the 10 sanggunian within ten (10) days; otherwise, the ordinance shall be deemed 11 approved as if he signed it.

SEC. 18. Veto Power of the City Mayor. - (a) The city mayor may veto
any ordinance of the sangguniang panlungsod on the ground that it is *ultra vires* or prejudicial to public welfare, stating his reasons thereof in writing.

(b) The city mayor shall have the power to veto any particular item or 15 items of an appropriations ordinance, an ordinance or resolution adopting a 16 local development plan, any public investment program or an ordinance 17 directing the payment of money or creating liability. In such case, the vetoed 18 item or items shall not take effect unless the sangguniang panlungsod overrides 19 20 the veto in the manner herein provided; otherwise, the item or items in the 21 appropriations ordinance of the previous year corresponding to those vetoed, if 22 any, shall be deemed enacted.

(c) The city mayor may veto an ordinance or resolution only once. The
sanggunian may override the veto by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members,
thereby making the ordinance effective even without the approval of the city
mayor.

SEC. 19. Review of City Ordinances by the Sangguniang
 Panlalawigan. - (a) Within three (3) days after approval, the secretary to the

sangguniang panlungsod shall forward to the sangguniang panlalawigan for
 review, copies of approved ordinances and resolutions approving the local
 development plans and public investment programs formulated by the local
 development councils.

(b) Within thirty (30) days after receipt of copies of such ordinances 5 6 and resolutions, the sangguniang panlalawigan shall examine the documents or transmit them to the provincial attorney or the provincial prosecutor for prompt 7 8 examination. The provincial attorney or the provincial prosecutor shall, within a period of ten (10) days from receipt of the documents, inform the 9 sangguniang panlalawigan in writing of his comments or recommendations, 10 11 which may be considered by the sangguniang panlalawigan in making its decision. 12

(c) If the sangguniang panlalawigan finds that such an ordinance or resolution is beyond the power conferred upon the sangguniang panlungsod concerned, it shall declare such ordinance or resolution invalid in whole or in part. The sangguniang panlalawigan shall enter its action in the minutes and shall advise the corresponding city authorities of the action it has taken.

(d) If no action has been taken by the sangguniang panlalawigan within
thirty (30) days after submission of such an ordinance or resolution, the same
shall be presumed consistent with law and therefore valid.

SEC. 20. *Review of Barangay Ordinances by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.* – (a) Within ten (10) days after the enactment, the sangguniang barangay shall furnish copies of all barangay ordinances to the sangguniang panlungsod for review as to whether the ordinance is consistent with law and city ordinances.

(b) If the sangguniang panlungsod fails to take action on barangay
ordinances within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, the same shall be
deemed approved.

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(c) If the sangguniang panlungsod finds the barangay ordinance
 inconsistent with law or city ordinances, the sangguniang panlungsod shall,
 within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, return the same with its comments
 and recommendations to the sangguniang barangay concerned for adjustment,
 amendment or modification; in which case, the effectivity of the barangay
 ordinance is suspended until such time as the revision called for is effected.

SEC. 21. Enforcement of Disapproved Ordinances or Resolutions. –
Any attempt to enforce any ordinance or any resolution approving the local
development plan and public investment program after disapproval thereof
shall be sufficient ground for the suspension or dismissal of the official or
employee concerned.

12 SEC. 22. Effectivity of Ordinances or Resolutions. – (a) Unless 13 otherwise stated in the ordinance or the resolution approving the local 14 development plan and public investment program, the same shall take effect 15 after ten (10) days from the date a copy thereof is posted in a bulletin board at 16 the entrance of the city hall and in at least two (2) other conspicuous places in 17 the City of Dasmariñas.

(b) The secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod shall cause the 18 posting of an ordinance or resolution in the bulletin board at the entrance of the 19 city hall and in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the City of Dasmariñas 20 not later than five (5) days after approval thereof. The text of the ordinance or 21 resolution shall be disseminated and posted in Filipino or English and in the 22 language or dialect understood by majority of the people in the City, and the 23 secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod shall record such fact in a book kept 24 for the purpose, stating the dates of approval and posting. 25

(c) The main features of the ordinance or resolution duly enacted or
adopted shall, in addition to being posted, be published once in a local
newspaper of general circulation within the City: *Provided*, That in the absence

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thereof, the ordinance or resolution shall be published in any newspaper of general circulation: *Provided, further,* That the gist of all ordinances with penal sanctions shall also be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

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ARTICLE VI

SUCCESSION FOR ELECTIVE CITY OFFICIALS

SEC. 23. Permanent Vacancy in the Offices of the City Mayor and the 6 City Vice Mayor. - (a) If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the city 7 mayor, the city vice mayor concerned shall become the city mayor. If a 8 permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the city vice mayor, the highest 9 ranking sangguniang panlungsod member, or in case of his permanent 10 incapacity, the second highest ranking sangguniang panlungsod member shall 11 become the city vice mayor, as the case may be. Subsequent vacancies in the 12 said offices shall be filled in automatically by the other sanggunian members 13 according to their ranking as defined herein. 14

(b) A tie between or among the highest ranking sangguniangpanlungsod members shall be resolved by drawing of lots.

17 (c) The successors as defined herein shall serve only the unexpired18 terms of their predecessors.

For purposes of this Act, a permanent vacancy arises when an elective local official fills in a higher vacant office, refuses to assume office, fails to qualify, dies, is removed from office, voluntarily resigns or is otherwise permanently incapacitated to discharge the functions of his office.

For purposes of succession as provided for in this Act, ranking in the sanggunian shall be determined on the basis of the proportion of votes obtained by each winning candidate to the total number of registered voters in the City in the immediately preceding local election.

SEC. 24. Permanent Vacancies in the Sangguniang Panlungsod. –
 Permanent vacancies in the sangguniang panlungsod where automatic

succession as provided above does not apply shall be filled in by appointments
 in the following manner:

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(a) The provincial governor shall make the aforesaid appointments;

(b) Only the nominee of the political party under which the sanggunian
member concerned had been elected shall be appointed in the manner herein
provided. The appointee shall come from the same political party as that of the
sanggunian member who caused the vacancy and shall serve the unexpired
term of the vacant office.

9 In the appointment herein mentioned, a nomination and a certificate of 10 membership of the appointee from the highest official of the political party 11 concerned are conditions *sine qua non*, and any appointment without such 12 nomination and certification shall be null and void *ab initio* and shall be a 13 ground for administrative action against the official responsible therefor;

(c) In case the permanent vacancy is caused by a sanggunian member
who does not belong to any political party, the city mayor shall, upon the
recommendation of the sangguniang panlungsod, appoint a qualified person to
fill in the vacancy; and

(d) In case of vacancy in the representation of the youth, the barangay
and other sectors in the sangguniang panlungsod, said vacancy shall be filled in
automatically by the official next-in-rank of the organization concerned.

SEC. 25. Temporary Vacancy in the Office of the City Mayor. - (a) 21 When the city mayor is temporarily incapacitated to perform his duties for 22 23 physical or legal reasons such as, but not limited to, leave of absence, travel abroad and suspension from office, the city vice mayor shall automatically 24 exercise the powers and perform the duties and functions of the city mayor, 25 except the power to appoint, suspend or dismiss employees which can only be 26 27 exercised if the period of temporary incapacity exceeds thirty (30) working 28 days.

(b) Said temporary incapacity shall terminate upon submission to the
sangguniang panlungsod of a written declaration by the city mayor that he has
reported back to office. In case where the temporary incapacity is due to legal
cause, the city mayor shall also submit necessary documents showing the said
legal cause no longer exists.

6 (c) When the city mayor is traveling within the country but outside the 7 territorial jurisdiction for a period not exceeding three (3) consecutive days, he 8 may designate in writing the officer-in-charge of his office. Such authorization 9 shall specify the powers and functions that the local official concerned shall 10 exercise in the absence of the city mayor, except the power to appoint, suspend 11 or dismiss employees.

12 (d) In the event, however, that the city mayor fails or refuses to issue 13 such authorization, the city vice mayor or the highest ranking sangguniang 14 panlungsod member, as the case may be, shall have the right to assume the 15 powers, duties and functions of the said office on the fourth (4th) day of 16 absence of the city mayor, subject to the limitations provided in subsection (c) 17 hereof.

18 (e) Except as provided above, the city mayor shall, in no case, 19 authorize any local official to assume the powers, duties and functions of the 20 office other than the city vice mayor or the highest ranking sangguniang 21 panlungsod member, as the case may be.

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THE APPOINTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY:

ARTICLE VII

THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES

25 SEC. 26. *The Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod.* – (a) There 26 shall be a secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod who shall be a career 27 official with the rank and salary equal to a head of a department or office who 28 shall be appointed by the city mayor with the concurrence of the majority of all sangguniang panlungsod members, subject to civil service law, rules and
 regulations.

3 (b) No person shall be appointed secretary to the sangguniang 4 panlungsod unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of 5 good moral character, a holder of a master's degree preferably in law, 6 commerce or public administration from a recognized college or university and 7 a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.

8 (c) The secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod shall receive such
9 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(d) The secretary to the sanggunian shall take charge of the office ofthe sangguniang panlungsod; and shall:

(1) Attend meetings of the sangguniang panlungsod and keep a journalof its proceedings;

(2) Keep the seal of the City and affix the same with his signature to all
 ordinances, resolutions and other official acts of the sangguniang panlungsod
 and present the same to the presiding officer for his signature;

17 (3) Forward to the city mayor for approval copies of ordinances18 enacted by the sangguniang panlungsod, duly certified by the presiding officer;

(4) Forward to the sangguniang panlalawigan copies of duly approved
ordinances in the manner as provided in Sections 56 and 57 under Book I of
the Local Government Code of 1991;

(5) Furnish, upon request of any interested party, certified copies of
records of public character in his custody, upon payment to the city treasurer of
such fees as may be prescribed by ordinance;

(6) Record in a book kept for the purpose, all ordinances and
resolutions enacted or adopted by the sangguniang panlungsod, with the dates
of passage and publication thereof;

- 1 (7) Keep his office and all nonconfidential records therein open to the 2 public during usual business hours;
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3 (8) Translate into the dialect used by the majority of the inhabitants all 4 ordinances and resolutions immediately after their approval and cause the 5 publication of the same together with the original version in the manner 6 provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

7 (9) Take custody of the local archives and, where applicable, the local8 library and annually account for the same; and

9 (10) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other 10 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those 11 that are prescribed by other relevant laws or by ordinance.

12 SEC. 27. *The City Treasurer*. – (a) The city treasurer shall be appointed 13 by the Secretary of Finance from a list of at least three (3) ranking eligible 14 recommendees of the city mayor, subject to civil service law, rules and 15 regulations.

(b) The city treasurer shall be under the administrative supervision of
the city mayor, to whom he shall report regularly on the tax collection efforts
of the City.

(c) No person shall be appointed city treasurer unless he is a citizen of
the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a holder of a
college degree preferably in commerce, public administration or law from a
recognized college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its
equivalent. He must have acquired experience in treasury or accounting service
for at least five (5) years.

25 (d) The city treasurer shall receive such compensation, emoluments and26 allowances as may be determined by law.

(e) The city treasurer shall take charge of the city treasury office, andshall:

- (1) Advise the city mayor, the sangguniang panlungsod and other local
 government and national officials concerned regarding disposition of local
 government funds and on such other matters relative to public finance;
- 4 (2) Take custody and exercise proper management of the funds of the5 City;
- 6 (3) Take charge of the disbursement of all funds of the City and other 7 funds, the custody of which may be entrusted to him by law or other competent 8 authority;
- 9 (4) Inspect private commercial and industrial establishments within the 10 jurisdiction of the City in relation to the implementation of tax ordinances, 11 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991;
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(5) Maintain and update the tax information system of the City; and

(6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

- SEC. 28. *The Assistant City Treasurer.* (a) The assistant city treasurer
 may be appointed by the Secretary of Finance from a list of at least three (3)
 ranking eligible recommendees of the city mayor, subject to civil service law,
 rules and regulations.
- (b) No person shall be appointed assistant city treasurer unless he is a
 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a
 holder of a college degree preferably in commerce, public administration or
 law from a recognized college or university and a first grade civil service
 eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired at least three (3) years
 experience in treasury or accounting.

26 (c) The assistant city treasurer shall receive such other compensation,
27 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

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1 (d) The assistant city treasurer shall assist the city treasurer and 2 perform such other duties as the latter may assign to him. He shall have 3 authority to administer oaths concerning notices and notifications to those 4 delinquent in the payment of the real property tax and concerning official 5 matters relating to the accounts of the city treasurer or otherwise arising from 6 the offices of the city treasurer and the city assessor.

SEC. 29. *The City Assessor.* – (a) The city assessor must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical engineering, commerce or any other related course from a recognized college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in real property assessment work or in any related field for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

(b) The city assessor shall receive such compensation, emoluments andallowances as may be determined by law.

16 (c) The city assessor shall take charge of the city assessor's office, and17 shall:

18 (1) Ensure that all laws and policies governing the appraisal and
 19 assessment of real properties for taxation purposes are properly executed;

(2) Initiate, review and recommend changes in policies and objectives,
 plans and programs, techniques, procedures and practices in the evaluation and
 assessment of real properties for taxation purposes;

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(3) Establish a systematic method of real property assessment;

(4) Install and maintain real property identification and accountingsystems;

(5) Prepare, install and maintain a system of tax mapping, showing
graphically all properties subject to assessment and gather all data concerning
the same;

- (6) Conduct frequent physical surveys to verify and determine whether 1 all real properties within the City are properly listed in the assessment rolls; 2
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(7) Exercise the functions of appraisal and assessments primarily for taxation purposes of all real properties in the City;

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(8) Prepare a schedule of the fair market value of the different classes 6 of real properties in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991: 7

8 (9) Issue, upon request of any interested party, certified copies of 9 assessment upon payment of a service charge or fee to the city treasurer;

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(10) Submit every semester a report of all assessments as well as cancellations and modifications of assessments to the city mayor and the 11 sangguniang panlungsod; and 12

(11) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other 13 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those 14 that are prescribed by law or ordinance. 15

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SEC. 30. The Assistant City Assessor. -- (a) The assistant city assessor must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral 17 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical 18 engineering, commerce or any related course from a recognized college or 19 university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have 20 21 acquired experience in assessment or in any related field for at least three (3) 22 years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

(b) The assistant city assessor shall receive such compensation, 23 24 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The assistant city assessor shall assist the city assessor and perform 25 such other duties as the latter may assign to him. He shall have authority to 26 27 administer oaths on all declarations of real property for purposes of 28 assessment.

1 SEC. 31. *The City Accountant.* – (a) The city accountant must be a 2 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character and a 3 certified public accountant. He must have acquired experience in the treasury 4 or accounting service for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date 5 of his appointment.

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(b) The city accountant shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

8 (c) The city accountant shall take charge of both the office of the 9 accounting and internal audit services, and shall:

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(1) Install and maintain an internal audit system in the City;

(2) Prepare and submit financial statements to the city mayor and to thesangguniang panlungsod;

(3) Apprise the sangguniang panlungsod and other officials on thefinancial condition and operation of the City;

(4) Certify to the availability of budgetary allotment from which
expenditures and obligations may be properly charged;

17 (5) Review supporting documents before the preparation of vouchers to18 determine the completeness of requirements;

19 (6) Prepare statements of cash advances, liquidations, salaries,
20 allowances, reimbursements and remittances pertaining to the City;

21 (7) Prepare statements of journal vouchers and liquidations of the same
22 and other adjustments related thereto;

(8) Post individual disbursements to the subsidiary ledger and index
cards;

(9) Maintain individual ledgers for officials and employees of the City
pertaining to payrolls and deductions;

27 (10) Record and post in index cards details of purchased furniture,
28 fixtures and equipment, including disposal thereof, if any;

(11) Account for all issued requests for obligations and maintain and 1 2 keep all records and reports related thereto;

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(12) Prepare journals and the analysis of obligations and maintain and keep all records and reports related thereto; and 4

5 (13) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those 6 that are prescribed by law or ordinance. 7

SEC. 32. The City Engineer. - (a) The city engineer must be a citizen 8 of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character and a 9 licensed civil engineer. He must have acquired experience in the practice of 10 his profession for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his 11 12 appointment.

(b) The city engineer shall receive such compensation, emoluments and 13 allowances as may be determined by law. 14

(c) The city engineer shall take charge of the city engineering office, 15 16 and shall:

(1) Initiate, review and recommend changes in policies and objectives, 17 plans and programs, techniques, procedures and practices in infrastructure 18 development and public works, in general, of the City; 19

(2) Advise the city mayor on infrastructure, public works and other 20 21 engineering matters;

(3) Administer, coordinate, supervise and control the construction, 22 maintenance, improvement and repair of roads, bridges, other engineering and 23 public works projects of the City; 24

(4) Provide engineering services to the City, including investigations 25 and surveys, engineering designs, feasibility studies and project management; 26 27 and

1 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other 2 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those 3 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

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SEC. 33. *The Assistant City Engineer.* – (a) The assistant city engineer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical engineering, commerce or any related course from a recognized college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in assessment or in any related field for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

(b) The assistant city engineer shall assist the city engineer and performsuch other duties as the latter may assign to him.

13 (c) The assistant city engineer shall receive such compensation,
14 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

SEC. 34. *The City Architect.* – (a) The city architect must be a citizen
of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character and a duly
licensed architect. He must have practiced his profession for at least five (5)
years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

(b) The city architect shall receive such compensation, emoluments andallowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The city architect shall take charge of the office of the architecturalplanning and design, and shall:

(1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
of adequate facilities relative to architectural planning and design;

27 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city.
 28 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with

architectural planning and design programs and projects which the city mayor 1 is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is 2 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991; 3

(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city architect 4 5 shall:

(i) Prepare and recommend, for consideration of the sanggunian, the 6 architectural plan and design for the City or a part thereof, including the 7 renewal of slums and blighted areas, land reclamation activities, the greening 8 of land and appropriate planning of marine and foreshore areas; 9

10 (ii) Review and recommend for appropriate action of the sanggunian or the mayor, as the case may be, the architectural plans and designs submitted by 11 governmental and nongovernmental entities or individuals particularly those 12 13 for undeveloped, underdeveloped and poorly-designed areas; and

(iii) Coordinate with government, nongovernment entities and 14 individuals involved in the aesthetics and the maximum utilization of the land 15 and water within the jurisdiction of the City, compatible with environmental 16 integrity and ecological balance; 17

18 (4) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services involving architectural planning and design, particularly those related to the redesigning of spatial 19 distribution of basic facilities and physical structures during and in the 20 21 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

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(5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city mayor on all matters relative to architectural planning and design as it relates 23 to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and 24

(6) Perform such other dùties and functions and exercise such other 25 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those 26 27 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

1 SEC. 35. *The City Budget Officer.* – (a) The city budget officer must be 2 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a 3 holder of a college degree preferably in accounting, economics, public 4 administration or any related course from a recognized college or university 5 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired 6 experience in government budgeting or in any related field for at least five (5) 7 years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

8 (b) The city budget officer shall receive such compensation,9 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

10 (c) The city budget officer shall take charge of the city budget office,11 and shall:

(1) Prepare forms, orders and circulars embodying instructions on
budgetary and appropriation matters for the signature of the city mayor;

14 (2) Review and consolidate the budget proposals of different15 departments and offices of the City;

16 (3) Assist the city mayor in the preparation of the proposed legislation17 and submit comments and recommendations thereon;

18 (4) Study and evaluate budgetary implementation of proposed19 legislation and submit comments and recommendations thereon;

20 (5) Submit periodic budgetary reports to the Department of Budget and
21 Management;

(6) Coordinate with the city treasurer, the city accountant and the city
planning and development officer for the purpose of budgeting;

24 (7) Assist the sangguniang panlungsod in reviewing the approved
25 budgets of component barangays;

(8) Coordinate with the city planning and development officer in the
formulation of the development plan of the City; and

(9) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other 1 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those 2 3 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 36. The City Planning and Development Officer. - (a) The city 4 planning and development officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a 5 resident of the City, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree 6 preferably in urban planning, development studies, economics, public 7 administration or any related course from a recognized college or university 8 9 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired 10 experience in development planning or in any related field for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment. 11

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(b) The city planning and development officer shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law. 13

(c) The city planning and development officer shall take charge of the 14 city planning and development coordinating office, and shall: 15

(1) Formulate integrated economic, social, physical and other 16 development plans and policies for the consideration of the City: 17

(2) Conduct continuing studies, researches and training programs 18 necessary to evolve plans and programs for implementation; 19

(3) Integrate and coordinate all sectoral plans and studies undertaken 20 by the different functional groups or agencies; 21

(4) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the different 22 development programs, projects and activities in the City in accordance with 23 the approved development plan; 24

(5) Prepare comprehensive plans and other development planning 25 documents for the consideration of the local development council; 26

(6) Analyze the income and expenditure patterns, and formulate and 27 recommend fiscal plans and policies for the consideration of the finance 28

committee of the City as provided for under the Local Government Code of
 1991;

3 (7) Promote people's participation in development planning within the4 City;

5 (8) Exercise supervision and control over the secretariat of the local
6 development council; and

7 (9) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
8 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
9 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

10 SEC. 37. *The City Health Officer.* – (a) The city health officer must be 11 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character and 12 a licensed medical practitioner. He must have acquired experience in the 13 practice of his profession for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the 14 date of his appointment.

(b) The city health officer shall receive such compensation,
emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

17 (c) The city health officer shall take charge of the office of the city18 health services, and shall:

(1) Supervise the personnel and staff of the said office, formulate
program implementation guidelines, and rules and regulations for the operation
of the said office for the approval of the city mayor in order to assist him in the
efficient, effective and economical implementation of health services programs
geared to implement health-related projects and activities;

(2) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
carrying out activities to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
of adequate facilities relative to health services provided for under Section 17
of the Local Government Code of 1991;

1 (3) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city 2 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with health 3 programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to implement and 4 which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the 5 Local Government Code of 1991:

6 (4) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city health 7 officer shall:

8 (i) Formulate and implement policies, plans and projects to promote 9 the health of the people in the City;

(ii) Advise the city mayor and the sangguniang panlungsod on matterspertaining to health;

12 (iii) Execute and enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations relating13 to health;

(iv) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod, through the local
health board, the passage of such ordinance as he may deem necessary for the
preservation of public health;

17 (v) Recommend the prosecution of any violation of sanitary laws,18 ordinances or regulations;

(vi) Direct the sanitary inspection of all business establishments selling
food items or providing accommodation, such as hotels, motels, lodging
houses and the like, in accordance with the Sanitation Code;

(vii) Conduct health information campaigns and render healthintelligence services; and

24 (viii) Coordinate with other government agencies and nongovernment
25 organizations involved in the promotion and delivery of health services;

26 (5) Be in the frontline of the delivery of health services, particularly
27 during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;
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(6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other 1 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those 2 that are prescribed by law or ordinance. 3

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SEC. 38. The Assistant City Health Officer. - (a) The assistant city health officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of 5 6 good moral character and a licensed medical practitioner. He must have 7 acquired experience in assessment or in any related field for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

9 (b) The assistant city health officer shall assist the city health officer and perform such other duties as the latter may assign to him. 10

(c) The assistant city health officer shall receive a minimum monthly 11 compensation equivalent to Salary Grade Twenty-four (24) as prescribed under 12 the Salary Standardization Law and the implementing guidelines issued 13 pursuant thereto, and such other compensation, emoluments and allowances as 14 may be determined by law. 15

SEC. 39. The City Civil Registrar. - (a) The city civil registrar must be 16 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a 17 holder of a college degree from a recognized college or university and a first 18 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience 19 in civil registry work for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date 20 21 of his appointment.

(b) The city civil registrar shall receive such compensation, 22 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law. 23

(c) The city civil registrar shall be responsible for the civil registration 24 program in the City of Dasmariñas pursuant to the Civil Registry Law, the 25 Civil Code and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations issued to implement 26 27 them.

1 (d) The city civil registrar shall take charge of the office of the city 2 civil registry, and shall:

(1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city
mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
management and administration-related programs and projects which the city
mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

8 (2) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city civil 9 registrar shall:

(i) Accept all registrable documents and judicial decrees affecting thecivil status of persons;

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(ii) File, keep and preserve in a secure place the books required by law;

(iii) Transcribe and enter immediately upon receipt all registrable
documents and judicial decrees affecting the civil status of persons in the
appropriate civil registry books;

16 (iv) Transmit to the Office of the Civil Registrar-General within the
17 prescribed period duplicate copies of registered documents required by law;

18 (v) Issue certified transcript or copies of any certificate or registered
19 document upon payment of the required fees to the treasurer;

(vi) Receive applications for the issuance of a marriage license and
after determining that the requirements and supporting certificates and
publication thereof for the prescribed period have been complied with, issue
the license upon payment of the authorized fee to the treasurer; and

(vii) Coordinate with the National Statistics Office in conducting
 educational campaigns for vital registration and assist in the preparation of
 demographic and other statistics for the City of Dasmariñas; and

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1 (3)Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those 2 that are prescribed by law or ordinance. 3

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SEC. 40. The Assistant City Civil Registrar. - (a) The assistant city civil registrar must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of 5 6 good moral character and a holder of a college degree from a recognized 7 college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He 8 must have acquired experience in assessment or in any related field for at least 9 three (3) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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(b) The assistant city civil registrar shall assist the city civil registrar and perform such other duties as the latter may assign to him.

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(c) The assistant city civil registrar shall receive such compensation, 13 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

14 SEC. 41. The City Administrator. -(a) The city administrator must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character. a 15 holder of a college degree preferably in public administration, law or in any 16 other related course from a recognized college or university and a first grade 17 civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in 18

management and administrative work for at least five (5) years immediately 19 20 preceding the date of his appointment.

(b) The term of the city administrator is coterminous with that of his 21 22 appointing authority.

administrator shall receive such compensation, (c) The city 23 24 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(d) The city administrator shall take charge of the city administrator's 25 office, and shall: 26

(1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city 27 28 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the

management and administration-related programs and projects which the city
mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

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4 (2) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city 5 administrator shall assist in the coordination of the work of all the officials of 6 the City under the supervision, direction and control of the city mayor and, for 7 this purpose, he may convene the chiefs of offices and other officials of the 8 City;

9 (3) Be in the frontline of the delivery of administrative support 10 services, particularly those related to the situations during and in the aftermath 11 of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

(4) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
mayor on all matters relative to the management and administration of the City;
and

(5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

18 SEC. 42. The City Legal Officer. - (a) The city legal officer must be a 19 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character and a 20 member of the Philippine Bar. He must have practiced his profession for at 21 least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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(b) The term of the city legal officer shall be coterminous with that of his appointing authority.

(c) The city legal officer shall receive such compensation, emolumentsand allowances as may be determined by law.

26 (d) The city legal officer, the chief legal counsel of the City, shall take27 charge of the office of the city legal service, and shall:

1 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang panlungsod and provide legal assistance and support to the city mayor in 2 carrying out the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate 3 4 facilities:

5 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with programs 6 and projects related to legal services which the city mayor is empowered to 7 implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for 8 9 under the Local Government Code of 1991;

10 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city legal officer shall: 11

(i) Represent the City in all civil actions and special proceedings 12 wherein the City or any official thereof, in his official capacity, is a party: 13 *Provided*, That, in actions or proceedings where the City is a party adverse to 14 15 the provincial government or to another component city or municipality, a special legal officer may be employed to represent the adverse party; 16

(ii) When required by the city mayor or sanggunian, draft ordinances, 17 contracts, bonds, leases and other instruments involving any instruments 18 19 already drawn;

(iii) Render his opinion in writing on any question of law when 20requested to do so by the city mayor or sanggunian; 21

(iv) Investigate or cause to be investigated any local official or 22 employee for administrative neglect or misconduct in office and recommend 23 24 the appropriate action to the city mayor or sanggunian, as the case may be;

(v) Investigate or cause to be investigated any person, firm or 25 corporation holding any franchise or exercising any public privilege for failure 26 to comply with any term or condition in the grant of such franchise or 27

privilege, and recommend appropriate action to the city mayor or sangguniang ł panlungsod, as the case may be; 2

(vi) When directed by the city mayor or sanggunian, initiate and 3 prosecute, in the interest of the City, any civil action on any bond, lease or 4 5 other contract upon any breach or violation thereof; and

6 (vii) Review and submit recommendations on ordinances approved and 7 executive orders issued by component units;

8 (4) Recommend measures to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise 9 the city mayor on all matters related to upholding the rule of law;

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(5) Be in the frontline of protecting human rights and prosecuting any 11 violations thereof, particularly those which occur during and in the aftermath 12 of man-made and natural disasters or calamities; and

(6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other 13 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those 14 15 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

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SEC. 43. The City Social Welfare and Development Officer. - (a) The city social welfare and development officer must be a citizen of the 17 Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a duly licensed 18 social worker or a holder of a college degree preferably in sociology or any 19 other related course from a recognized college or university and a first grade 20 civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in the 21 practice of social work for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the 22 23 date of his appointment.

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(b) The city social welfare and development officer shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The city social welfare and development officer shall take charge of 26 27 the office of social welfare and development, and shall:

(1) Formulate measures for the approval of the sangguniang 1 2 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision 3 of adequate facilities relative to social welfare and development services; 4

(2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city 5 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with social 6 7 welfare programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for 8 9 under the Local Government Code of 1991;

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(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city social welfare and development officer shall:

(i) Identify the basic needs of the needy, the disadvantaged and the 12 impoverished and develop and implement appropriate measures to alleviate 13 14 their problems and improve their living conditions;

(ii) Provide relief and appropriate crisis intervention for victims of 15 16 abuse and exploitation and recommend appropriate measures to deter further 17 abuse and exploitation;

(iii) Assist the city mayor in implementing the barangay level program 18 for the total development and protection of children up to six (6) years of age: 19

(iv) Facilitate the implementation of welfare programs for the 20 differently-abled, elderly and victims of drug addiction, the rehabilitation of 21 prisoners and parolees, the prevention of juvenile delinquency and such other 22 activities which would eliminate or minimize the ill-effects of poverty; 23

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(v) Initiate and support youth welfare programs that will enhance the role of the youth in nation-building; and

(vi) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental 26 organizations which have for their purpose the promotion and protection of all 27 28 the needy, disadvantaged, underprivileged or impoverished groups or

individuals, particularly those identified to be vulnerable and high-risk to i exploitation, abuse and neglect; 2

(4) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services particularly those 3 which have to do with the immediate relief and assistance during and in the 4 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities; 5

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(5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city mayor on all other matters related to social welfare and development services which will improve the livelihood and living conditions of the inhabitants; and

(6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other 9 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those 10 11 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 44. The City Veterinarian. - (a) The city veterinarian must be a 12 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character and a 13 licensed doctor of veterinary medicine. He must have practiced his profession 14 for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment. 15

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(b) The city veterinarian shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law. 17

(c) The city veterinarian shall take charge of the office of veterinary 18 services, and shall: 19

(1) Formulate measures for consideration of the sangguniang 20 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in 21 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision 22 of adequate facilities; 23

(2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city 24 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with 25 veterinary-related activities which the city mayor is empowered to implement 26 and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the 27 Local Government Code of 1991; 28

1 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city 2 veterinarian shall:

3 (i) Advise the city mayor on all matters pertaining to the slaughter of
4 animals for human consumption and the regulation of slaughterhouses;

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(ii) Regulate the keeping of domestic animals;

6 (iii) Regulate and inspect poultry, milk and dairy products for public 7 consumption;

8 (iv) Enforce all laws and regulations for the prevention of cruelty to 9 animals; and

10 (v) Take the necessary measures to eradicate, prevent or cure all forms
11 of animal diseases;

(4) Be in the frontline of veterinary-related activities, such as the
outbreak of highly contagious and deadly diseases and in situations resulting in
the depletion of animals for work and for human consumption, particularly
those arising from and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or
calamities;

17 (5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city 18 mayor on all matters relative to veterinary services which will increase the 19 number and improve the quality of livestock, poultry and other domestic 20 animals used for work or for human consumption; and

(6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 45 *The City General Services Officer.* – (a) The city general services officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree in public administration, business administration or management from a recognized college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired

experience in general services, including management of supply, solid waste 1 disposal and general sanitation for at least five (5) years immediately preceding 2 the date of his appointment. 3

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(b) The city general services officer shall receive such compensation. emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The city general services officer shall take charge of the office of 6 7 the general services, and shall:

(1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang 8 9 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in 10 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate facilities which require general services expertise and technical 11 support services; 12

(2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city 13 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the 14 general services supportive of the welfare of the inhabitants of the City which 15 16 the city mayor is empowered to implement, and which the sangguniang 17 panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991; 18

(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city general 19 services officer shall: 20

(i) Take custody of and be accountable for all properties, real or 21 personal, owned by the City and those granted to it in the form of donation, 22 reparation, assistance and counterpart of joint projects; 23

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(ii) With the approval of the city mayor, assign building or land space to local officials or other public officials who, by law, are entitled to space;

(iii) Recommend to the city mayor the reasonable rental rates for local 26 27 government properties, whether real or personal, which will be leased to public or private entities, owned by the City; 28

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(iv) Recommend to the city mayor reasonable rental rates for private properties which may be leased for the official use of the City;

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(v) Maintain and supervise janitorial, security, landscaping and other related services in all local government public buildings and other real 4 5 property, whether owned or leased by the City;

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(vi) Collate and disseminate information regarding prices, shipping and other costs of supplies and other items commonly used by the City;

8 (vii) Perform archival and record management with respect to records 9 of offices and developments of the City; and

- 10 (viii) Perform all other functions pertaining to supply and property management and enforce policies on records creation, maintenance and 11 12 disposal;
- (4) Be in the frontline of general services-related activities, such as the 13 possible and imminent destruction or damage to records, supplies, properties 14 and structure materials or debris particularly during and in the aftermath of 15 man-made and natural disasters or calamities; 16
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(5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city mayor on all matters relative to general services; and

(6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other 19 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those 20 21 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 46. The City Information Officer. - (a) The city information 22 officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good 23 moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in journalism or mass 24 communications or any related course from a recognized college or university 25 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired 26 experience in writing articles and research papers or writing for print, 27

- television, broadcast and other forms of mass media for at least five (5) years
 immediately preceding the date of his appointment.
- 3 (b) The city information officer shall receive such compensation,
 4 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.
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(c) The city information officer shall take charge of the office on public information, and shall:

7 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
8 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
9 providing the information and research data required for the delivery of basic
10 services and the provision of adequate facilities so that the public becomes
11 aware of said services and may fully avail of the same;

(2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city
mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with public
information and research data to support programs and projects which the city
mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

17 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city18 information officer shall:

19 (i) Provide relevant, adequate and timely information to the City and20 its residents;

(ii) Furnish information and data on the City to government agencies or
offices as may be required by law or ordinance and nongovernmental
organizations to be furnished to said agencies and organization; and

(iii) Maintain effective liaison with the various sectors of the
community on matters and issues that affect the livelihood and the quality of
life of the inhabitants and encourage support for programs of the local and
national governments;

(4) Be in the frontline in providing information during and in the 1 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities, with special 2 attention to the victims thereof, to help minimize injuries and casualties during 3 and after the emergency, and to accelerate relief and rehabilitation; 4

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(5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city mayor on all matters relative to public information and research data as it 6 7 relates to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and

(6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other 8 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those 9 that are prescribed by law or ordinance. 10

SEC. 47. The City Cooperatives Officer. - (a) The city cooperatives 11 officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good 12 moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in business 13 administration with special training on cooperatives or any related course from 14 15 a recognized college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in cooperatives development for 16 at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment. 17

(b) The city cooperatives officer shall receive such compensation, 18 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law. 19

(c) The city cooperatives officer shall take charge of the office for the 20 development of cooperatives, and shall: 21

(1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang 22 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in 23 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision 24 of facilities through the development of cooperatives, and in providing access 25 to such services and facilities; 26

(2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city 27 28 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the

integration of cooperatives principles and methods in programs and projects
 which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang
 panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of
 1991;

5 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city 6 cooperatives officer shall:

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(i) Assist in the organization of cooperatives;

8 (ii) Provide technical and other forms of assistance to existing 9 cooperatives to enhance their viability as an economic enterprise and social 10 organization; and

(iii) Assist cooperatives in establishing linkages with government agencies and nongovernmental organizations involved in the promotion and integration of the concept of cooperatives in the livelihood of the people and other community activities;

(4) Be in the frontline of cooperatives organization, rehabilitation or
viability enhancement, particularly during and in the aftermath of man-made
and natural disasters or calamities, to aid in their survival and, if necessary,
subsequent rehabilitation;

(5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
mayor on all other matters relative to cooperatives development and viability
enhancement which will improve the livelihood and the quality of life of the
inhabitants; and

(6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

26 SEC. 48. The City Population Officer. – (a) The city population officer 27 must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral 28 character, a holder of a college degree preferably with specialized training in

population development from a recognized college or university and a first 1 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience 2 in the implementation of programs on population development or responsible 3 parenthood for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his 4 5 appointment.

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(b) The city population officer shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The city population officer shall take charge of the office of the 8 9 population development, and shall:

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(1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in 11 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision 12 of adequate facilities relative to the integration of the population development 13 14 principles and in providing access to said services and facilities;

(2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city 15 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the 16 integration of population development principles and methods in programs and 17 projects which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the 18 sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the Local 19 Government Code of 1991; 20

(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city population 21 22 officer shall:

(i) Assist the city mayor in the implementation of the constitutional 23 provisions relative to population development and the promotion of 24 responsible parenthood; 25

(ii) Establish and maintain an updated data bank for program 26 operations, development planning and an educational program to ensure 27 people's participation in and understanding of population development; and 28

*(iii) Implement appropriate population training programs responsive to*the cultural heritage of the inhabitants; and

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(4) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

6 SEC. 49. *The City Agriculturist.* – (a) The city agriculturist must be a 7 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a 8 holder of a college degree preferably in agriculture or any other related course 9 from a recognized college or university and a first grade civil service eligible 10 or its equivalent. He must have practiced his profession in agriculture or 11 acquired the experience for at least five (5) years preceding the date of his 12 appointment.

(b) The city agriculturist shall receive such compensation, emolumentsand allowances as may be determined by law.

15 (c) The city agriculturist shall take charge of the office for agricultural16 services, and shall:

17 (1). Formulate measures for the approval of the sangguniang
18 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
19 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
20 of adequate facilities relative to agricultural services;

(2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city
mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
agricultural programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to
implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for
under the Local Government Code of 1991;

26 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city27 agriculturist shall:

1 (i) Ensure that maximum assistance and access to resources in the 2 production, processing and marketing of agricultural and aquaculture and 3 marine products are extended to farmers, fishermen and local entrepreneurs;

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(ii) Conduct or cause to be conducted location-specific agricultural
researches and assist in making available the appropriate technology arising
out of and disseminating information on basic research on crops, prevention
and control of plant diseases and pests and other agricultural matters which
will maximize productivity;

9 (iii) Assist the city mayor in the establishment and extension services
10 of demonstration farms on aquaculture and marine products;

(iv) Enforce rules and regulations relating to agriculture andaquaculture; and

(v) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental
 organizations which promote agricultural productivity through appropriate
 technology compatible with environmental integrity;

(4) Be in the frontline of the delivery of basic agricultural services,
particularly those needed for the survival of the inhabitants during and in the
aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

(5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
 mayor on all other matters related to agriculture and aquaculture which will
 improve the livelihood and living conditions of the inhabitants; and

(6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 50. *The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer.* – (a) The city environment and natural resources officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in environment, forestry, agriculture or any other

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related course from a recognized college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in environment and natural resources management, conservation and utilization work for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

6 (b) The city environment and natural resources officer shall receive a 7 minimum monthly compensation equivalent to Salary Grade Twenty-six (26) 8 as prescribed under the Salary Standardization Law and the implementing 9 guidelines issued pursuant thereto, and such compensation, emoluments and 10 allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The city environment and natural resources officer shall take chargeof the office of the environment and natural resources, and shall:

(1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
panlungsod and provide assistance and support to the city mayor in carrying
out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of
adequate facilities relative to environment and natural resources services as
provided for under Section 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991;

18 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city 19 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the 20 environment and natural resources programs and projects which the city mayor 21 is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is 22 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

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(3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city environment and natural resources officer shall:

(i) Establish, maintain, protect and preserve communal forests,
watersheds, tree parks, mangroves, greenbelts, commercial forests and similar
forest projects like industrial tree farms and agro-forestry projects;

(ii) Provide extension service to beneficiaries of forest development
 projects and render assistance for natural resources-related conservation and
 utilization activities consistent with ecological balance;

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4 (iii) Manage and maintain seedbanks and produce seedlings for forest
5 and tree parks;

6 (iv) Promote the small-scale mining and utilization of mineral 7 resources, particularly the mining of gold; and

8 (v) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental 9 organizations in the implementation of measures to prevent and control land, 10 air and water pollution, with the assistance of the Department of Environment 11 and Natural Resources;

12 (4) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services concerning the 13 environment and natural resources, particularly in the renewal and 14 rehabilitation of the environment during and in the aftermath of man-made and 15 natural disasters or calamities;

(5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
mayor on all matters relative to protection, conservation, maximum utilization,
application of appropriate technology and other matters related to the
environment and natural resources; and

(6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 51. *The City Tourism Officer*. – (a) The city tourism officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably with specialized training in tourism development from a recognized college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in the implementation of programs on tourism development for at least five (5) years
 immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

3 (b) The city tourism officer shall receive such compensation,4 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

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5 (c) The city tourism officer shall take charge of the city tourism office 6 and shall assist the city mayor and the local tourism council in developing and 7 implementing programs, and shall:

8 (1) Encourage the local government unit to enact local legislation 9 adopting the Department of Tourism (DOT) accreditation standards for 10 tourism facilities and services;

(2) Ensure a pleasant experience and stay of tourists while at the same
time protecting the interests, welfare and rights of the City;

13 (3) Develop tourist products and destinations that will benefit the City14 and its local community;

(4) Pursue the implementation of the national tourism master plans, the
national eco-tourism strategy and the area specific plans of the national and
local government units;

18 (5) Support the local government unit in promoting festivals, fiestasand other tourism-related activities; and

(6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

SEC. 52. *The City Human Resource Development Officer.* – (a) The city human resource development officer must be a citizen of the Philippines. a resident of the City, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in psychology or any related course from recognized college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in personnel administration. 1 (b) The city human resource development officer shall receive a 2 minimum monthly compensation equivalent to Salary Grade Twenty-five (25) 3 as prescribed under the Salary Standardization Law and the implementing 4 guidelines issued pursuant thereto, and such compensation, emoluments and 5 allowances as may be determined by law.

6 (c) The city human resource development officer shall take charge of
7 the human resource development office, and shall:

8 (1) Develop a human resource management program for approval by
9 the city mayor and the sangguniang panlungsod;

(2) Assist the city mayor in implementing the city's policies and
programs relative to recruitment and selection, appointments, training,
promotion, compensation and other personnel actions involving officials and
employees of the City;

14 (3) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
15 mayor on all matters relative to human resource management and development;

16 (4) Establish and maintain a sound personnel program for the City
17 designed to promote career development and uphold the merit principle in the
18 local government service;

(5) Conduct a continuing organizational development of the City, with
 the end in view of instituting effective administrative reforms; and

(6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those
that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

ARTICLE VIII
THE CITY FIRE STATION SERVICE, THE CITY JAIL SERVICE,
THE CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION AND THE CITY PROSECUTION SERVICE
SEC. 53. The City Fire Station Service. – (a) There shall be established
in the City at least one (1) fire station with adequate personnel, fire fighting

facilities and equipment, subject to the standards, rules and regulations that
 may be promulgated by the Department of the Interior and Local Government
 (DILG). The City shall provide the necessary land or site of the station.

4 (b) The city fire station service shall be headed by a city fire marshal
5 whose qualifications shall be as those provided for under the Philippine
6 National Police law.

7 (c) The city fire station shall be responsible for the provision of various
8 emergency services such as the rescue and evacuation of injured people at fire9 related incidents and, in general, fire prevention and suppression measures to
10 secure the safety of life and property of the citizenry.

SEC. 54. *The City Jail Service.* – (a) There shall be established and maintained in the City a secured, clean and adequately equipped jail for the custody and safekeeping of prisoners, any fugitive from justice, or person detained awaiting investigation or trial and/or transfer to the national penitentiary, and/or violent mentally ill person who endangers himself or the safety of others, duly certified as such by the proper medical health officer, pending the transfer to a mental institution.

(b) The city jail service shall be headed by a city jail warden who must 18 be a graduate of a four (4)-year course in psychology, psychiatry, sociology, 19 nursing, social work or criminology, who shall assist in the immediate 20 rehabilitation of individuals or detention of prisoners. Great care must be 21 exercised so that the human rights of these prisoners are respected and 22 protected, and their spiritual and physical well-being are properly and promptly 23 attended to, Likewise, the City shall ensure that proper separate detention 24 25 centers for juveniles and women are provided for.

SEC. 55. The City Schools Division. – (a) The DepEd shall establish
and maintain a city schools division of the City of Dasmariñas whose area of
jurisdiction will cover all the school districts within the City.

(b) The city schools division shall be headed by a city schools division
 superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required by the
 DepEd.

SEC. 56. *The City Prosecution Service*. – (a) There shall be established in the City a prosecution service to be headed by a city prosecutor and such number of assistant city prosecutors as may be necessary, who shall be organizationally part of the Department of Justice (DOJ), and under the supervision and control of the Secretary of Justice and whose qualifications, manner of appointment, rank, salary and benefits shall be governed by existing laws covering prosecutors in the DOJ.

(b) The city prosecutor shall handle the criminal prosecution in the municipal trial courts in the City as well as in the regional trial courts for criminal cases originating in the territory of the City, and shall render to or for the City such services as are required by law, ordinance or regulation of the DOJ.

16 (c) The Secretary of Justice shall always assure the adequacy and 17 quality of prosecution service in the City and for this purpose shall, in the 18 absence or lack or insufficiency in number of assistant city prosecutors as 19 provided hereinabove, designate from among the assistant provincial 20 prosecutors a sufficient number to perform and discharge the functions of the 21 city prosecution service as provided hereinabove.

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ARTICLE IX

TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 57. Municipal Ordinances Existing at the Time of the Approval of This Act. – All municipal ordinances of the Municipality of Dasmariñas existing at the time of the approval of this Act shall continue to be in forced and effect within the City of Dasmariñas until the sangguniang panlungsod shall provide otherwise.

SEC. 58. Plebiscite. – The City of Dasmariñas shall acquire corporate 1 2 existence upon the ratification of its creation by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted in the present Municipality 3 of Dasmariñas within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Act. The 4 5 expenses for such plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of Dasmariñas. The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise such plebiscite. 6

7 SEC. 59. Officials of the City of Dasmariñas. - The present elective officials of the Municipality of Dasmariñas shall continue to exercise their 8 9 powers and functions until such time that a new election is held and the duly elected officials shall have already qualified and assumed their offices. The 10 appointive officials and employees of the municipality shall likewise continue 11 exercising their functions and duties and they shall automatically be absorbed 12 13 by the city government of Dasmariñas.

SEC. 60. Succession Clause. - The City of Dasmariñas shall succeed to 14 all the assets, properties, liabilities and obligations of the Municipality of 15 16 Dasmariñas.

17 SEC. 61. Election of Provincial Governor and Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members of the Province of Cavite. - The qualified voters of 18 the City of Dasmariñas shall be qualified to vote and run for any elective 19 position in the elections for provincial governor, provincial vice governor, 20 sangguniang panlalawigan members and other elective offices for the Province 21 of Cavite. 22

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SEC. 62. Jurisdiction of the Province of Cavite. - The City of Dasmariñas shall, unless otherwise provided by law, continue to be under the 24 jurisdiction of the Province of Cavite. 25

SEC. 63. Suspension of Increase in Rates of Local Taxes. - No increase 26 27 in the rates of local taxes shall be imposed by the City within the period of five (5) years from its acquisition of corporate existence. 28

SEC. 64. Legislative District. - The City of Dasmariñas shall have its
 own legislative district to commence in the next national election after the
 effectivity of this Act.

4 SEC. 65. Applicability of Laws. – The provisions of Republic Act No. 5 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and such laws 6 as are applicable to component cities shall govern the City of Dasmariñas 7 insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

8 SEC. 66. Separability Clause. – If any part of this Act is declared 9 invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions thereof shall remain 10 valid and effective.

11 SEC. 67. *Reservation.* – Nothing herein contained shall preclude the 12 determination by the appropriate agency or forum of any boundary dispute or 13 case involving question of territorial jurisdiction between the City of 14 Dasmariñas and any of the adjoining local government units even after the 15 effectivity of this Act.

16 SEC. 68. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, rules and regulations 17 or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby 18 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

19 SEC. 69. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after 20 its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general and local 21 circulation.

Approved,

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